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County's emergency preparedness put to the test

► Annual exercise proves fruitful for local emergency management

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

What if two or three people showed up at the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room with smallpox-like symptoms? Would the hospital staff know what to do? Would they react properly to the situation? Smallpox is then confirmed and rumors spread throughout the community of the outbreak of this highly contagious and deadly disease. How would Crawford County handle the problem?

Crawford County Emergency Management held its annual Emergency Preparedness exercise on April 25 which included a plethora of disasters -- both natural and man-made -- involving representatives from the county, city, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospital, health department, environmental, military, transportation and other concerns that would play a key role if a disaster were to occur.

Emergency Management Director Larry Akers said this year's exercise concentrated on the possibility of bioterrorism in the form of a smallpox outbreak due to the increased threat of such an event in our country warned by U.S. officials. Akers really tested preparedness of local agencies by throwing in severe weather and a



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Representatives from all local government agencies, fire and rescue, law enforcement, weather service, and Camp Grayling gathered last Thursday to answer the questions of how our community would handle a variety of disasters almost simultaneously. The Emergency Operations Center was put together, communications set up, and each person played an important role in the networking of services as the mock disaster crises multiplied.

car/truck explosion containing hazardous material.

Mercy Hospital staff members were first up to the plate when their first "mock patient" walked into

the hospital complaining of symptoms. The role of Mercy's Incident Commander was played by CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matusak who was reported to have a phone to her

ear for nearly the entire drill. It was her job to coordinate hospital services and make decisions about quarantine and possible evacuation due to the mock smallpox out-

break. Emergency Room Nurse Pattie Walker (and Community Bioterrorism Team member) Continued on Page 8A

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Expo to address 'vulnerable adult' issues

► 35 booths will share information on services available to those in need

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Many adults in Crawford County go without proper care and services, mainly due to lack of information, but the Crawford Adult Resource Exchange (C.A.R.E.) is trying to change all that. The group wants to develop solutions to fill the gaps often experienced by vulnerable adults in our community.

C.A.R.E. will sponsor a day-long Community Resource Expo on Thursday, May 9 at the Days Inn in Grayling. The Expo runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will have about 35 tables and booths supplying information about available services.

The mission of C.A.R.E. is to create a network of resources and contacts to inform and assist those adults with unmet needs, including senior citizens, the mentally ill, the physically disabled and veterans. C.A.R.E.'s vision statement is "A safe community with coordinated and constant resources for adults with unmet needs."

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Initial Grayling Township - Sheriff Public Meeting Covers Concerns

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 25, the first meeting was held whose specific purpose was to allow Grayling Township residents to voice their concerns regarding policing issues in the township. The meeting was the brainchild of Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright. In addition to Wright, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Grayling Township Deputy Tom Coors were there to field questions.

Although attendance was small the meeting covered areas of concern to all the residents of Grayling Township. A big concern was the closing of the launch facility located inside Camp Grayling. Some of the residents of Portage Lake subdivision felt that there would be a tremendous increase in traffic along McIntyre Road as those who formerly used the facilities on the base will now be launching on the west side of the lake.

Supervisor Terry Wright also noted that the road that Camp Grayling closed is a township road and that the camp may have closed it illegally. They are investigating this at the present time.

The second major topic was the issue of speeding and people who tend to disregard stop signs. This

problem was addressed by residents of the Lake Margrethe area as well as those from Roberts Road. The response from both Wakefield and Coors was to tell the people to record the time of day, get an accurate license plate and a description of the cars involved and give it to the Sheriff's Department. The owners of the cars will be contacted and told there has been a complaint. Even though the owner of the car may not have been driving the car at that time, the owner is responsible for the car and can be presumed to be the driver. They also said that if a pattern seems to be developing regarding the time when most of the problems occur, a patrol car may be sent to the area to monitor the area at that particular time.

Sheriff Wakefield was asked about setting up a program where people patrol and set up a type of neighborhood watch. Wakefield replied that he is looking into a program called TRIAD which involves having responsible people watching out for their area. He likes the program but wants to do further checking. He also said that meetings like this one were set up to help get people more involved.

Wright said there would probably be another meeting within two months.

Boy Scout drive tops them all

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

When three local Boy Scout troops set out to collect food, personal hygiene products and paper products to help stock the shelves of the local food pantry, little did they know the community was ready to give in a big way.

On April 13, the Scouts spread out around Grayling and outlying areas with the purpose of distributing "Scouting for Food" collection bags. Residents were asked to donate non-perishable food items, as well as paper goods and personal items by placing them into the bags and setting them on their porches the following Saturday for pick up by the Scouts.

Troop leaders Jeff Steffey (Pack 3993), Loren Goodale (Troop 979) and Jim Pickell (Troop 993) served as advisers for the Scouting for Food project which helps the Scouts fulfill their promise to "help other people at all times" and to "give goodwill."

The destination for all donations was to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center in Grayling, which serves as the local food pantry. Director Gerry Schroeder said this time of year is very critical because donations are slower than during the holidays, but she still needs to serve about 50 local families in need.

Schroeder reported this week the Scouts' drive was the biggest

one in the history of the Help Center. "The Boy Scouts did a tremendous job, managing to bring in about \$5,800 worth of food and paper products," she said. "We are so grateful that the community gave so generously to not only make the Scouts' project a success, but to more than fill the pantry shelves."

Volunteers worked long and hard to organize the donations. There were so many items, Schroeder said she had to enlist the help of the Scouts to carry a few loads down to the basement. They also agreed to return to the Help Center when the food needs to be brought back upstairs.

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DNR may change fishing regulations at Jones Lake

► Public meeting set up for Thursday, May 9 at Grayling Township Hall

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a public informational meeting on Thursday, May 9, to discuss possible fishing regulation changes at Jones Lake. The meeting will be held at the Grayling Township Hall at 7 p.m.

The DNR is conducting the meeting in order to present some of its ideas for improving Jones Lake as a fishery and allow any citizens that wish to provide input an opportunity to do so.

"We've been trying various management (on Jones Lake), and nothing's really worked well," said Fisheries Biologist Steve Sendek. "We feel the lake has a lot more potential as a fishery, and we have to figure out a way to do that. We want to see what the public thinks."

The DNR hopes to somehow

increase the population of game fish (specifically: large mouth bass, northern pike, walleye, and bluegill) in Jones Lake.

One option the department is considering, Sendek said, is placing "quality fishing regulations" on the lake. Quality fishing regulations would be "more restrictive" than the rules in place now. Potentially, the change could institute regulations that include "no-kill with artificial lures," he said.

The May 9 meeting is open to the public.

Old Lake Road project now underway

► Resurfacing job will also include paved shoulders for bicycle traffic

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After several delays due to funding issues, the Old Lake Road resurfacing project is now underway.

The project will result in a complete resurfacing of Old Lake Road from M-72 to M-93. The new roadway will have two 10-foot travel lanes for vehicles and 5-foot paved shoulders on each side to accommodate non-motorized traffic (pedestrians, bicycles, etc.).

The paved-shoulder pathways will complete the Hanson Hills to Grayling High School non-motorized trail network.

Tree-clearing work for the construction project began a couple weeks ago and continues into this week. The Crawford County Road Commission is now just waiting for its gravel supplier to provide the

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Timber bridge to be installed at Wilcox

► Bridge over East Branch will be replaced with a timber structure

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission Board approved final plans last Thursday for a 2002 project that will involve replacement of Wilcox Bridge — located just north of North Down River Road over the AuSable East Branch — with a new timber bridge.

Paul Repasky of Northwest Design Group, the Road Commission's engineering firm, gave the board an overview of the plans on Thursday, April 25, just prior to final approval.

The new timber bridge will be a 30-foot by 30-foot structure, Repasky said. The construction project will also involve modifying the

river channel and relocating a dry hydrant in the area, he said.

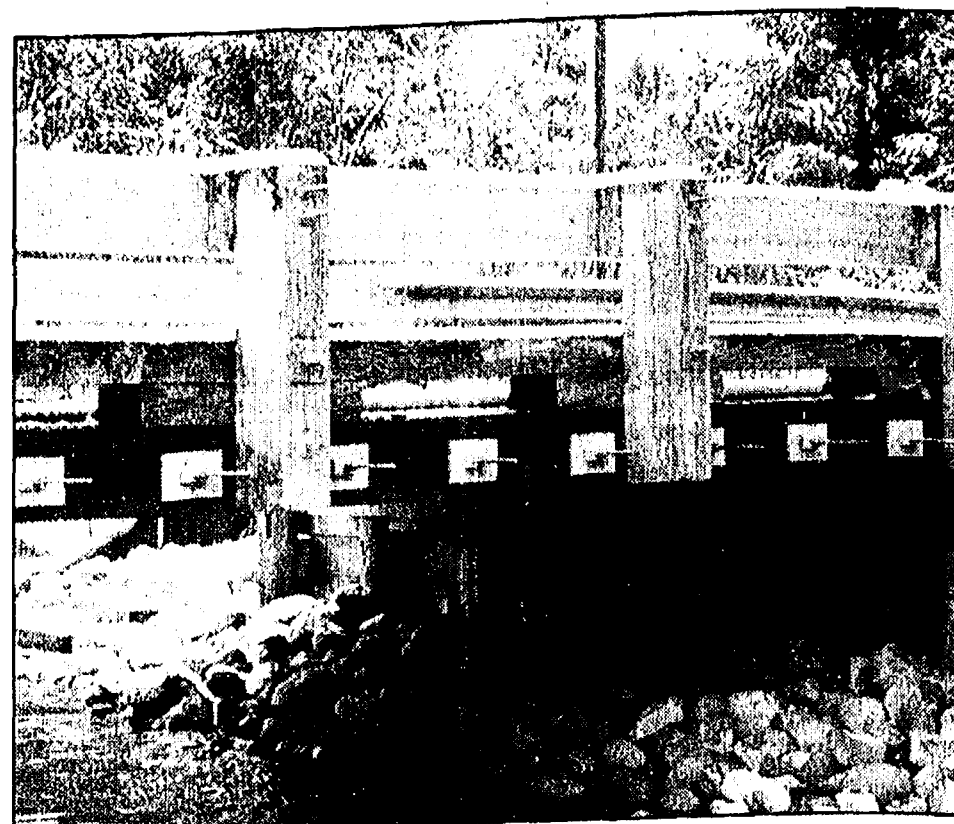
Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said they are also going to put stone around the river bank to prevent erosion and install sediment traps in the stream. Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality have had input into the project as it's progressed, he said.

The bridge replacement project, which will cost about \$300,000, will be paid for mostly through state critical bridge funds (95 percent). The Road Commission will be responsible for the other five percent.

Repasky said the project is on pace to be let for bids in June. Construction would likely start in September and a completion date has been set for November 1, 2002, he said.

A six to eight week construction period is anticipated.

During bridge construction, the



A timber bridge similar to this one is scheduled for installation later this year to replace the current structure at Wilcox Bridge Road over the AuSable East Branch.

Wilcox Bridge Road crossing over the East Branch will be closed to traffic, and a detour (involving I-75) will be set up, Repasky said.

Expo to address 'vulnerable adult' issues

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C.A.R.E. is comprised of representatives from many local agencies and businesses who have developed a plan of action, including a crisis response network which will meet quarterly once formed.

C.A.R.E. meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Family Independence

Agency office in Grayling. Meetings are open to the public.

The Community Resource Expo will provide information on services currently available and C.A.R.E. will be seeking suggestions from vulnerable adults, their family members and caretakers in order to determine further what services need to be provided by local agencies.

A series of guest speakers will discuss such issues as estate planning, legal aid, Medicaid eligibility, Alzheimer's Disease (and related dementia) shelter, health issues,

adult protection and alcohol/substance abuse issues.

"People are just not aware of what's out there," said Diane Frankowski of the Crawford County Family Independence Agency (FIA) and a member of C.A.R.E. "Anyone with the need for information and services available to them, loved ones or friends, is encouraged to come and see what the Expo is all about."

Frankowski said special food sampling will take place and many door prizes will be given away.

To help get as many people to the

event, transportation to the Community Resource Expo will be available through the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA).

Frankowski said it is very important to get people there who are willing to share suggestions of what needs are not being met and who want to learn more about what is already available for them.

For more information on the Expo, call Diane Frankowski at 344-5116. To make transportation arrangements, call COA Director Nova Anderson at 348-7123.

Safety Town plans moving right along

The second "Safety Town" meeting was held April 10 at the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling.

Safety Town is a scale model of Grayling currently under development. It will be used to help educate young children on the rules of the road, stranger danger, and many other situations on the streets and

roads of our town.

Organizer Tim Coe said two traffic control lights have been donated for Safety Town by a Mio resident. These lights are scaled for Safety Town and will enhance the "to-scale" buildings as they are acquired.

The possibility of builders, and other local businesses, donating

scaled buildings decorated with their business logo was discussed at the meeting and is being pursued.

The next meeting of the Safety Town committee will be held May 9 at 6:30 p.m., again at the Library. Meetings are open to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

For more information or to get involved, call Coe at (989) 348-8653.

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Boy Scout drive tops them all

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Local Lions awarded at District Convention

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Members from both the newly formed Frederic Lions Club and the Grayling Lions Club were in attendance.

Four Grayling Lions Club members were recognized at a banquet Saturday evening:

- Douglas Latuszek was honored for his service as Zone Chairman for the District.

- Russell Shepard received the International Presidents Award, the second highest award a Lion can receive.

- Robert Prause was elected to the position of Vice-District Governor of District 11-E2 and was also

awarded the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.

- Lioness Marie Prause, of the Grayling Lioness Club, was presented the Lioness District 11-E2 "Lioness of the Year Award" for her services to the organization and her community.

During the weekend convention, Lion Dr. William Dean, D.O. gave a presentation of his and others' work in poor countries, distributing eye glasses collected locally and beyond.

Informational booths and tables were set up around the pool area displaying Lions' community service projects and providing details on work with Leader Dog, as well as support of those with impaired vision and hearing.

For information on how to become a Lions Club member, call Robert Prause at 348-5524.



Robert Prause (right) is presented with the International Presidents Certificate during the Lions Clubs District Convention on April 20. He was also elected that evening to serve as Vice-District Governor of District 11-E2.



Grayling Lioness Marie Prause was very surprised when presented with the Lioness District 11-E2 "Lioness of the Year Award" by Lioness Past President Florence Kelpinski. The award was presented during the Saturday evening banquet of the District Convention, April 19-21.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Lions Club

Grayling Lion Russell Shepard receives the International Presidents Award, the second highest Lions' honor.

Sheriff initiates local Child Registry Program

Missing children are one of the true horror stories of our time, a personal tragedy that seems to be occurring with ever increasing frequency.

The Child Registry Program sponsored by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, the local businesses and members of the community, is a new concept used by law enforcement in over 3,000 program across the nation.

Sheriff Wakefield will be offering every family in this community an opportunity to register their children free by fingerprints.

The idea behind Child Registry is to consolidate detailed information about a child, including recent photographs, so the information is readily available if it should ever be needed.

A 32-page Child Registry Handbook is provided for each child with photographs, health records, fingerprints, dental records, physical characteristics chart, a

growth progress chart and even a lock of hair for DNA.


Parents can fill out the workbook in the privacy of their home. Among many other components of the book are personal and family records, immunization records, authorization for the treatment of minors, I.D. Card and eight pages of child emergency information.

"We support this program 100 percent," said Sheriff Wakefield. "A person who fills out this book properly can walk into any police station in the country and they will have everything they need to start the wheels in motion to find their missing child."

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Clarification

In the April 25 edition of the *Avalanche*, an article was published regarding the opening of Richie's restaurant. It stated Cook helped set up the kitchen at Patti's Towne House. Although Cook worked there for about one year, Patti's Towne House had already been in operation for some time. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.



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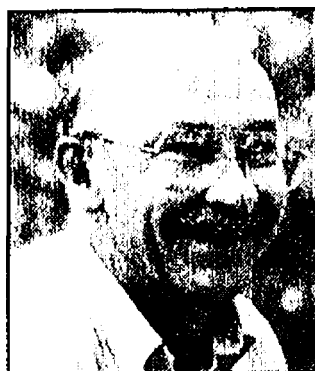
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Polling shows Democratic race narrows

MICHIGAN PRIMARY day is getting closer, and so is the race for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Latest poll figures indicate what could be a three way tie for the nomination right now -- about one third for Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, one third for ex-Gov. James Blanchard, and the final third divided almost evenly between U.S. Rep David Bonior and undecideds.

If all the undecideds leaned toward Mr. Bonior, it would be a genuine three-way standoff.

That's right now, of course, with the August primary about 100 days away.

Movement is the key to polling results at this point.

Compared to the March poll, Ms. Granholm slipped from 46 to 34 percent, Mr. Blanchard edged from 32 to 34 percent, Mr. Bonior from 12 to 16 percent, and undecided went up from 10 to 17 percent.

This information is from a poll of 400 likely Democratic voters, compiled by EPIC/MIRA firm of Lansing, as reported in various Michigan newspapers.

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THESE CHANGES could mean a variety of things, and election watchers can make their own choices:

-- Ms. Granholm lost 12 points in a month. Mr. Bonior gained four of those, and Mr. Blanchard two. The rest went in the undecided column. Does that mean that the more Ms. Granholm campaigns, the more questions about her arise in voters' minds?

-- Can endorsement by the Michigan Education Association -- one of the most influential unions in the state -- help Ms. Granholm turn the tide into her favor again? The MEA endorsement was made after this poll was conducted.

-- According to pollster Ed Sarpolus, Mr. Bonior gained significantly among union

members. Can the big unions, namely the United Auto Workers and the Michigan AFL-CIO, deliver their votes to him?

-- Among women voters, Mr. Blanchard and Ms. Granholm are about even. Will support from the staunch pro-women Emily's List pull Ms. Granholm through?

-- Mr. Bonior also is endorsed by several environmental groups. In a close primary -- which this one seems to be -- will strong support from smaller but dedicated groups such as the Sierra Club and Michigan Clean Water Action turn out to be pivotal?

-- Or do the opinions of 400 selected voters really mean that much in handicapping a political horse race? It may not seem so on the surface, but sample polling such as this usually turns out right.

All this poll really means is that in the four day period from April 21-24, 2002, this is how 400 likely Democratic voters think at the moment.

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SILLY SEASON -- Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, trying to put a little levity into the political season and make a snide political point at the same time, trotted out the old "let's bet on a sporting event" gimmick.

Mr. Posthumus invited Ms. Granholm to a wager on the outcome of the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup preliminary series with the Vancouver Canucks.

He proposed if the Red Wings lost, he would send Ms. Granholm a gift pack containing a basket of Michigan dried cherries, Michigan fudge and a Petoskey stone.

The gimmick was that Mr. Posthumus is a Michigan native, and Ms. Granholm was born in Vancouver, and therefore should support the Vancouver team.

It's an absurd proposition in the first place that place of birth has anything to do with ability to govern, but Mr. Posthumus thought he might make a telling political

point. He didn't.

Ms. Granholm properly dismissed the bet idea, pointing out that 32 of Michigan's 44 governors were not native Michiganians.

The incident however bares the Posthumus camp's estimate that Ms. Granholm likely will be his November opponent. That's highly possible.

Detroit Free Press writer Chris Christoff's report on the matter ended with this advice for Mr. Posthumus: "As for the hockey bet, now that the Red Wings have sent Vancouver packing, Posthumus should keep the loser's gift basket around for the fall election. It may come in handy."

That's highly possible, too.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Point of letter: concern for our kids

To the editor,

In response to Sharon Zarnick's letter published April 18 and to Deb Roman's counter response:

First of all, I fully agree with Sharon's letter about the safety of our children in public schools. And I too was concerned for my GMS child the day the school was closed. Most parents were concerned and wondered "Why?" I'm just glad someone had the guts to say something about the issue of the children's safety and how to deal with their questions and fears about the whole tragic mess.

I don't think Sharon's religious state was the issue. It seems that the counter response was trying to cover up the fact that the threat was a reality on March 11. So don't change the subject to push this off on someone else, someone who has a legitimate concern and opinion of the events of March 11.

We are Americans...and Freedom of Speech is one of our rights! Last time I looked, we were still in America! We are also entitled to our own opinions and our own thoughts.

All of Deb's quoting from the Bible...wow! Was that the true issue? No, the issue was what Mrs. Olson did to the school, the children, the community, and to herself. That's not anyone else's fault. Just

because someone had an opinion about it, now you're pointing your finger at that person! You have no right either, then!

Obviously Deb Roman is not a mother. Most mothers and fathers were concerned that day. A lot of parents were angry and frustrated. Forgiveness is part of the healing process, and it will come. But in most humans, anger and frustration does come first. We are only human, we all have made mistakes and you're right, nobody is perfect. Mrs. Olson will find forgiveness among the community. It just takes time to heal before that step come.

I'm sure you, yourself, have sinned as well. We are all sinners in the eyes of the Lord. No one is sinless. So, what does that have to do with the topic? The whole world is full of people who pass judgement on everyone else. What do you think gossip is? I'm sure you have done more than your share as has every walking being on the planet. So, why paint over the real picture?

The real picture was the concern for the children and their state of mind concerning the actions of a local teacher calling in a bomb threat. It's difficult for children to understand why, and even more difficult for parents to try and explain.

Dawn Sells
Grayling

Child protection should not be criticized

To the editor,

In response to Deb Roman's letter responding to Sharon Zarnick's letter: First of all, your letter had nothing to do with the first letter written by Sharon Zarnick. She did not attack Mrs. Olson personally, only Mrs. Olson's actions on that day and those actions of the school district's "special pay." Everyone knows that there were no stones thrown. For some people the truth is really hard to take.

There is something wrong with what Mrs. Olson did! Ethically, many of us also found it wrong for paying Mrs. Olson, but some of us understand the district may have been legally tied since the charges are pending and Mrs. Olson has

not yet been convicted by the legal system. To pretend that it never happened is just ridiculous.

There was many people affected by her actions. We may not be able to explain why she felt she had to cause such turmoil. Obviously, there are no answers for such a question. Only Mrs. Olson knows the answer to that question, and possible her proud supporters. But as for the rest of us, we have to try and find an answer to give to our children who are the ones asking, "Why?"

If we, as parents, cannot show concern for our children without facing criticism, then what kind of freedom do we really have left in America? The real concern here

was for the children of our community. There is nothing wrong with trying to protect our children in every way possible. It's a natural instinct for most of us.

You speak as if we are all supposed to sit in this community with no opinions, no emotions, and no voice, concerning what happened on March 11. We are Americans, and as Americans we have the right to freedom, which includes freedom of speech, your, mine, Sharon's and every other American. We are all entitled to form our own opinions, and I'm glad God has one as well. (According to your letter) did He personally condemn us for having a concern for our children? Are

you in direct contact with God, and act as the liaison?

What happened on March 11 was no one's fault but that of Mrs. Olson. She is the only one responsible for this mess! Now the law will take care of the safety of our community. That's all we as parents can hope for, is that the law will see to it that our safety isn't threatened like that again. I applaud our officers for acting so quickly, and for their investigation that led them to the proper suspect. I have every confidence the law of our community will protect us.

Shannon Johnson
Grayling

No stones were thrown

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the letter by Deb Roman in the April 24 edition of the *Avalanche*.

I think it is sad when a teacher can threaten to harm children within the school district and people act like we are in the "Twilight Zone." We have supporters who rally around this teacher like she did nothing wrong.

Granted, it is a small town but this was -- and is -- a big deal. To try to cover it up and point the blame elsewhere is wrong. You can't sweep something like this under the rug! We are still dealing with the aftermath. It's easy to hide behind the Bible because you have no opinion or words of your own.

You have no right to sit upon your throne, either. Last year, you were casting boulders yourself, not just stones. Where was your

compassion and forgiveness then? Before you start a public spectacle, you should practice what you preach. It's an easy way out to use the Bible in the manner you did.

You are just as guilty of showing no compassion, and no forgiveness as anyone else. Anger can do that to people. But for you to look down on others and fault them for not following in Jesus' footsteps, you should live by your own preachings.

As for the letter that Sharon Zarnick wrote on April 18, she didn't cast any stones at anyone. She was only expressing her concern for the children of the community and how to handle the aftermath of what Mrs. Olson had done. As far as I could see, the letter was nothing but the truth. And the truth hurts.

Mary Kelly
Grayling

Someone cares, understands

To the editor,

In reading the article in the *Avalanche* yesterday by Sherry Haag: "The Volunteer Connection," I have decided this is the perfect time for me to say what I've wanted to say so many times.

My husband, Arthur, is 89 and I am 84 and he is bedfast at home. Hospice, Amicare, Family Independence Agency (FIA) and the Commission on Aging (COA) have been such a great help to us.

I quote from the article; from an unknown author come these words: "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." This certainly fits all of the volunteers, home workers and nurses who have been coming into our home for a good length of time now. God knows we love and appreciate everyone for all the work and care they give us, but more important is the love and concern they also give.

They give us words of encouragement. They have the patience of Job. More important, they don't just say kind and loving words, but we can feel the love in their voices.

The Amicare-Hospice Ladies, and also all of those who have come to help us from the COA and FIA, carry a special place in our hearts. Nova, Betty, Eva and oh so many others from COA are always ready and willing to come to our home to help us with any problems we have. Or, they will spend time talking to us over the phone for as much time as it takes to ease our minds.

Surely Crawford County is truly blessed to have such wonderful people who give of themselves to help and care for their seniors. They make us feel like we are a part of the human race and that someone cares and understands.

Mary E. Holt
Grayling

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every

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BRIEFS

Gardeners invite all for garden tour

Master Gardeners and anyone who is interested in gardening is invited to join the Master Gardeners Society on Monday, May 13. The group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the home of Marge Patterson, 127 Des Moines Avenue off of W. Higgins Lake Drive, Lyon Township - south of the Lyon Township Fire Hall and north of the Lyon Township Offices. Patterson will escort the group through her lovely gardens and identify the various bulbs she has planted. For additional information, contact Co-Chairman Jean at (989) 366-5169. Reservations not required. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, May 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited to attend.

Lovells Museum plans Open House

The new log Lovells Museum Building is nearly complete. The heart of the museum is spread all over. Anyone with knowledge of historical value that will enable the museum to capture and share the rich history of the Lovells community is invited to help bring these treasures together. An Open House and community meeting is planned for Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. at the museum. Lunch will be provided. The Lovells Museum is situated on the township hall property, one half mile north of County Road 612 on Twin Bridge Road.

Frederic Elementary to hold carnival

The Frederic Elementary School, in Frederic, will hold its annual School Carnival on Friday, May 3 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. New games, awesome prizes, many raffle prizes and cake walk are included. Food will be available. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Ilene Wilson at 348-8625.

Free hearing/vision screenings offered

The local Health Department is offering free hearing and vision screenings for children ages three to 18 years of age on Friday, May 3 at the Grayling Head Start building on Old 27 North. Call the Health Department at 348-7800 for an appointment.

Sheriff to attend Grayling Twp. meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Grayling Township Board's regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend. Sheriff Wakefield will be present throughout the meeting and will remain afterwards, if necessary, for additional questions or comments.

Eagles to hold nomination of officers

Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 will not be voting on May 6 due to all other officers running unopposed, however their nomination of officers will be held for the positions of Treasurer and Chaplain at the meeting. Anyone interested should attend in order to be nominated for either office for the year 2002-2003.

Saddle Club to host Open Speed Shows

The Saddle Club Riders will host Open Speed Shows at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, just north of Grayling on Old 27, on Monday, May 20 beginning at 6 p.m. Five events will be held with an entry fee of \$3 per event. Age Divisions, from young child to adult, will be set up; riders age six years and under will ride the lead line only and enter free. All ages are welcome. A negative Coggins result is required for all horses. For more information, call Linette at (989) 275-4040 or Sharon at (989) 348-5143. A monthly show is planned from May through August.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of April 25 were Berta Sawyer, Arvilla Pepsin, Bob Ahms, and Patti and Paula Chapp.

Methodists host Teen Challenge, revivals

Grayling Free Methodist Church, on M-72 West (across from the Comfort Center) in Grayling, will present Western Michigan Teen Challenge on Sunday May 5 beginning at 6 p.m. Teen Challenge is a Christian growth and development program that works primarily with drug abusers, alcoholics and others with life-controlling problems. The students will share their life stories and how they experienced a total life change by acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Also, Revival Services are scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and will continue May 6-8 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Grayling Eagles to host Burger Bash

The Grayling Eagles will host a Burger Bash on Saturday, May 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Huron Street in Grayling (M-72 East). Menu includes burgers -- plain, deluxe or regular cheeseburger with french fries or onion rings. The public is welcome.

Nature-Based Tourism Conference planned

A Nature-Based Tourism Conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at Hanson Hills Recreation Area, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Experiential Workshops are planned at the Beal Plantation, Fish Hatchery, Water Interpretive Trail, AuSable River and Hartwick Pines. Opportunities to promote and package regional ecotourism assets will be discussed. Registration is \$35. For more information, call 1-800-937-8837.

Rotary plans annual Giant Garage Sale

The Grayling Rotary Club is in the process of collecting donations of clean, saleable items (excluding clothing) for its 4th Annual Giant Garage Sale, May 18-19 at J.J.'s Motor Mall in Grayling. To make a donation, call Joe Porter at 348-9012 or Diane Tompkins-Burch at 348-5384.

Good, used books needed for Book Sale

The Friends of the Crawford County Library are looking for used books for their annual Book Sale to be held July 25-27.

Anyone who has good, used books -- either hardcover or paperback -- and would like to donate them for the Book Sale, is asked to please drop them off at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library or the Frederic, Lovells or Beaver Creek Branch Libraries during regular business hours.

All proceeds from the Book Sale are used to purchase new books and other needed items for the Crawford County Library system.

Local kids invited to annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield has scheduled a Bicycle Safety Rodeo for children grades Kindergarten through fifth on Saturday, May 11.

The Sheriff's Office, along with the Grayling City Police and the Crawford AuSable School District, will be conducting the fifth annual event.

The Rodeo will be held in the parking lot of the AuSable Primary School, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Activities include an obstacle course, "Rules of the Road" instruction with hands on practice and a free bicycle safety inspection con-

ducted by personnel from The Bicycle Shop of Grayling.

As a safety incentive, the Grayling Rotary Club will be presenting a bicycle helmet to the first 200 successful participants.

The Rodeo is made possible by donations from the following: Grayling Rotary Club, McDonald's of Grayling, Grayling 7-11, Kirtland Community College, Mobile Medical Response EMS, and Crawford AuSable School District.

For more information, contact Undersheriff Shawn M. Krayes at 344-3210 or Theresa Andrews at 344-3213.

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Celebrate an early Mother's Day by attending a Lettermen concert at Kirtland Community College in the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 11 at 8 p.m.

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For over 35 years this popular singing trio has been captivating audiences and will continue to stand the test of time. Recently inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. At the artists' request, regular cameras (no video) will be allowed at this performance. You might be lucky enough to get your picture taken with the Lettermen.

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777. Don't miss the Lettermen at Kirtland Center on Saturday, May 11, at 8 p.m.

Help seniors by volunteering for MMAP

The Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) needs people who love a challenge and are interested in volunteering for a good cause. MMAP is a volunteer program sponsored by the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Volunteers become health insurance counselors that assist senior citizens to help resolve problems and answers questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, long-term care insurance, etc. Counselors assist with general questions, explaining eligibility requirements, assist in filling out forms or filing appeals, resolving billing problems and a myriad of other issues.

Once a volunteer attends the initial

six-day training, he/she becomes a certified MMAP counselor. A new volunteer training is scheduled for May 14 and 15, June 11 and 12 and July 9 and 10. All training will take place at the NEMCSA main office (2375 Gordon Road) in Alpena. Pre-registration is necessary.

The program is active in Alpena, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon Counties.

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For more information, or to register for the training, contact the MMAP hotline at 1-800-803-7174.

Yard sale will benefit Habitat of Roscommon

Old Point Comfort Marine in Higgins Lake is sponsoring a fund-raising yard sale, with all proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity of Roscommon County and is seeking donations of non-clothing items and anything of saleable value.

The sale will be held May 25-27 and will be tended by Habitat for Humanity prospective homeowners.

Everyone is asked to clean out basements, cupboards, garages, and attics and donate to the sale. Donations can be dropped off at Old

Point, located at 4629 W. Higgins Lake Drive in Higgins Lake, during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) until May 24. Donations may also be dropped off at the Habitat office in Prudenville.

Cash donations made payable to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization, are also welcome. All donations, including donated sale items, are tax-deductible. For more information, call Habitat for Humanity at (989) 366-6993 or 821-7450.

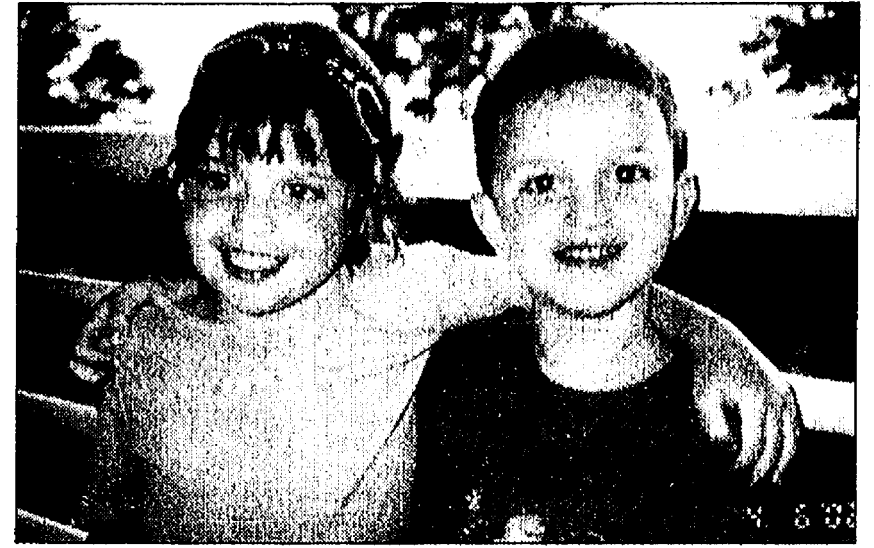
4-H Child Care Classes offered

The Crawford County 4-H office is offering child care classes for boys and girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Classes will be held at the Grayling Middle School from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 14 and May 21. Cost is \$3 for the series.

Register at the MSU-Extension office, located in the basement of the courthouse, by May 8. The MSU-Extension office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 344-3264.

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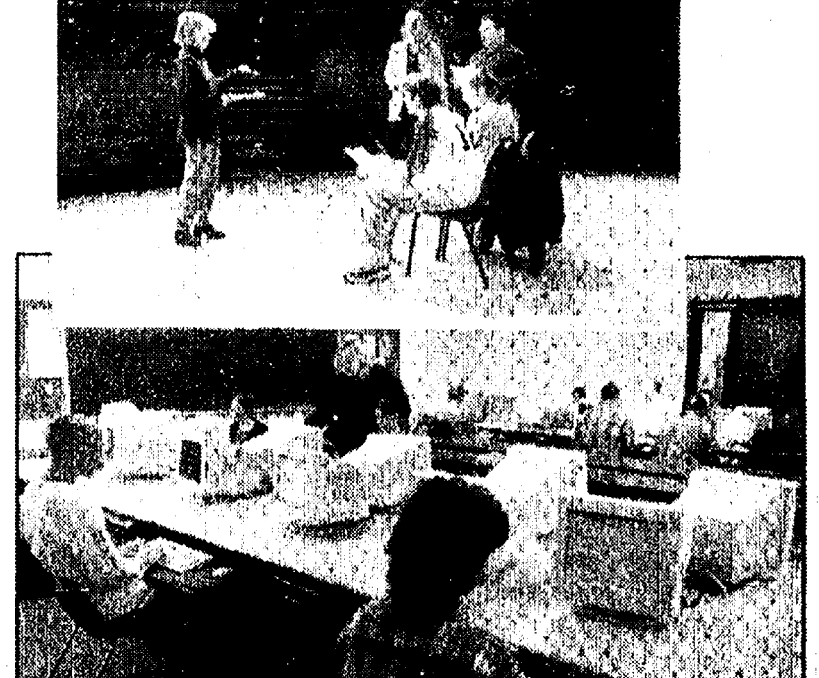


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Christian singles conference to be held in Alpena

The Sunrise Christian Singles Conference will meet at the Alpena Civic and Community Center on Saturday, May 4.

Various workshops and keynote addresses are scheduled by nationally-known singles leader, Dick Bont. Entertainment will be provided by the McKinney Wash Tub Two.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m.; programs run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Olivet Book Store, Neimen's Family Markey or by calling JoAnn at (989) 354-2303 or Betty at (989) 358-0012.

Ticket price includes seminars, evening dinner and entertainment. The Alpena Civic & Community Center is located at 133 Johnson Street in Alpena.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Funfest is coming! Are you ready? Have you sent in your volunteer sheet yet? It's happening May 10 at Hanson Hills. The music will be playing, the kids will be hiking, biking, playing games or just hanging out and the teachers will be in the dunk tank! To volunteer, call the school to see what you can help with.

May 8, the sixth grade choir will be traveling to the State Festival to compete. They received a "one" at the District Festival in March and will be the first sixth grade class from GMS to compete in the State Festival.

May 14, Tuesday, the Middle School Spring Concert will be held at 7 p.m. If you have a child in choir, please make sure they are at the school early and dressed in concert dress.

May 17 and 18, Friday and Saturday, the eighth grade choir will be traveling to Mackinaw to attend

workshops and performances. Watch for details on this trip.

May 21 - Tuesday, the Middle School Spring Band Concert will be held at GMS. Make sure your child arrives early and is dressed for concert performance.

May 27 - Monday, the eighth grade band will be taking a trip to Cedar Point, meeting at the school at 11 p.m. and traveling all night to get to the gates when it opens. They really need parent volunteers for this trip so let Mr. Gott or Mrs. Nieman know if you can join the fun.

May 28 and 31, Tuesday and Friday, the sixth grade will be traveling west to sixth grade camp. This is a great opportunity for our sixth graders, so please make sure you read the paperwork they brought home and carefully check the list of things they should bring and not bring. A raincoat is highly recommended.

P.I.T. meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. We will be finalizing plans for Funfest and making plans for the gardens.

MERCY BIRTHS

Brandon Warson and Kristy Branch of Prudenville announce the arrival of Bailey E. Warson born March 28.

James Redmon and Jean Willobee of Mio announce the arrival of James Micheal Redmon III born April 1.

Eric and Christine Rogers of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Gillian May born April 5.

Jerry Prieskorn and Wendy Tarnowski of Roscommon announce the arrival of Hunter Lee Tarnowski-Prieskorn born April 7.

Joel and Holly Holm of Higgins Lake announce the arrival of Abigail Loa born April 9.

Matthew Scherzer and Karie Travis of Mio announce the arrival of Nicole Madison Scherzer born April 16.

Anthony Demarco and Tina Lightfoot of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Madysen Bree Demarco born April 19.

Local missionaries home from Haiti


One of the First Baptist Church of Frederic's supporting missionaries is home on leave from Haiti.

Pat and Don Block will be sharing their experiences at both the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services on Sunday, May 5.

A potluck meal will follow the 11 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be plenty to eat.

First Baptist Church of Frederic is located on Manistee Street in Frederic.

A Walk in the Park



The environment is pleasant enough. Bright fluorescence illuminates the workplace while the air is cooled silently and humidified efficiently. Yet, after several hours, there is a sense of confinement... a yearning for a walk in the park, or maybe a picnic. Indeed, we read in Psalm 56:4, "In God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." We all experience difficult times when we feel a stifling sense of isolation that all of the pleasures of mankind cannot relieve.

There is a spirit in the out-of-doors that rejuvenates us ... that makes us feel rested and strong; happy and optimistic. As it flows through us, it is as though God is whispering... "Here I am to refresh your body and your spirit. Together we are larger than life."

Worship in God's house this Sabbath. He is there waiting to free your soul and refresh your spirit. It's even better than a walk in the park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Revelation	Revelation	Revelation	Psalm	Psalm	John	John
7-9-17	21-1-27	22-1-21	30	47	14-1-14	14-13-31

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Sunday Service 10:30 am
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Sunday Worship ... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School-
Sept. - May
Adult Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
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Bible Study (Wed) 10:30am</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist
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Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
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Church Service
Saturday 9:30 am
Sabbath School
Saturday 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 7 pm</p> <p>Lovells Chapel
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Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm</p> | <p>Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
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Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
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Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday 7 pm</p> <p>Grayling Assembly of God
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701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
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Sunday School 9:30 am
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Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm</p> <p>The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
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Sunday
Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm</p> | <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
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Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service ... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting ... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ... 7 pm</p> <p>St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Wayne Knockel
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Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Community of Christ
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer ... 7 pm</p> <p>Gaylord Christian Reformed
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ... 7:30 pm</p> | <p>St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study
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Daily Masses 9:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays ... 8:30 am</p> <p>First Baptist Church of Frederic
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ... 7 pm</p> <p>St. Francis Episcopal
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Sunday Holy
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday
Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm</p> <p>Grayling Baptist Church
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm</p> <p>Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am</p> <p>Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday Morning Worship ... 11 am
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GHS band to host spring concert

► Performance will feature premier of AuSable River Festival piece

The Grayling High School band and its directors are excited to announce they will be premiering a special piece of music at their 2002 Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 15. The piece of music, titled "AuSable River Festival," was composed by Dr. David Gillingham of Central Michigan University.

"AuSable River Festival" was written for the Grayling High School Symphonic Band, in honor of retired band director Dennis Ormsbee, who taught at Grayling from 1985-2001. This unique piece was also composed to depict the excitement and tradition of Grayling's AuSable River Festival and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The Grayling High School band, under the direction of David Gott and Kathy Nieman, have been working very hard on this new composition.

The piece of music begins with the excitement of the festival and parade. The "festival" music theme

reflects the open air ambience of northern Michigan. After the music captures the feeling of the street parade, the much calmer river theme emerges. This river theme suggests the grandeur of the AuSable and festival participants enjoying relaxing boat rides down its graceful, flowing currents. The river theme is followed by the hissing of the canon fuse, a strong hit on bass drum for the explosion of the cannon, and fast, climactic music emulating the excitement and commotion of the race itself.

Dr. Gillingham is a professor at Central Michigan University. He has become very well-known for his musical compositions commissioned for high schools and college bands from all over the U.S.A. He will be conducting the premier of "AuSable River Festival" at the May 15 Spring Concert.

"Dr. Gillingham had a fantastic first rehearsal with the GHS band on Tuesday (April 23)," Nieman said. "(GHS) band students were thrilled to play under the baton of an actual composer."

"This is the first piece of music ever written for the town of Grayling, its High School Band, band directors, and the annual AuSable River Festival and canoe



Dr. David Gillingham, a professor at Central Michigan University, works with the Grayling High School band. Gillingham will be conducting the GHS band at its 2002 Spring Concert during the premier of "AuSable River Festival," a piece of music composed by Gillingham specifically for Grayling that is meant to capture the excitement and tradition of the annual festival and canoe marathon.

marathon," Nieman added. "Do not miss out on this spectacular premier."

The HS Spring Concert will be

held on May 15, at 7 p.m. at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Admission is free to the public.

The Four Aces... still together and coming to Grayling

► Since the early 1950s, the foursome has entertained all over the world

On Thursday, May 2, "The Four Aces" will perform in concert in Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Known the world over for their harmonic blend of smooth voices, The Four Aces have performed for many audiences including those on cruise lines, in Las Vegas, San Francisco, the Poconos and the Catskills. They have also performed in the Far East, Australia, with symphonies and at State Fairs.

Attend the concert and you may hear some of the Aces' biggest hits:

"Three Coins in a Fountain," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Sincerely," and "Dream."

Since the early 1950s, The Four Aces have been internationally acclaimed as a group who has not only produced some of the most beautiful voice renderings ever, but for being superb showmen as well. The current group members -- Fred Diodati, Joe Giglio, Danny Colingo

and Harry Heisler -- are talented enough to carry over this combination of talents from the original foursome.

Tickets for The Four Aces are \$15 for adults; \$12 for senior citizens and students. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Events Director R.J. Hannan said this show was originally scheduled for September 13, 2001 but due to the events of September 11, travel restrictions kept the group from making it to Grayling. Tickets sold previously for this event will be honored.

Old Lake Road project now underway

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necessary material before it can proceed with the paving phase, CCRC Managing Director Don Babcock said.

The paving aspect of the endeavor will be completed using two different methods. The section of Old Lake Road from M-72 to Karen Woods will be resurfaced, plus new trenching and gravel shoulders will

be added. From Karen Woods to M-93, the existing pavement will be crushed with gravel to create a new base, then paved over.

The result of the two project halves will be a widened Old Lake Road with new blacktop all the way through.

"It'll be nice when we get done," Babcock said.

The Old Lake Road project is

being paid for by the Road Commission (through funds allocated to the township for local road improvements).

Grayling Township, Old Lake Road area residents (through a special assessment set up by the township), and the Michigan Department of Transportation (through an enhancement grant for non-motorized pathways).

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 91 complaints the week of April 22-28:

Six traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one traffic policing, five liquor inspections, five civil matter disputes - family trouble, four suspicious situations, one lost

and found property, 17 general non-criminal, two good intent - smoke scare, two delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, three assault/intimidation/ stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, four burglary/home invasion, five larceny, three motor vehicle theft,

four damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, two family offense/ abuse/neglect, 11 public peace/disorderly, two OUIL/ UBAL, seven health and safety (six animal control).

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 79 complaints during the week of April 21-27:

Five traffic ticket, one traffic accident, two personal property collision, 20 city ordinance violation, two larceny, one malicious destruction of property, one juvenile,

one motorist assist, four alarms, one disorderly, one harassment, 14 traffic warnings, seven suspicious situations, one fire, four attempt to locate, two public health, one purchase permit, two assist to other departments, nine unclassified.

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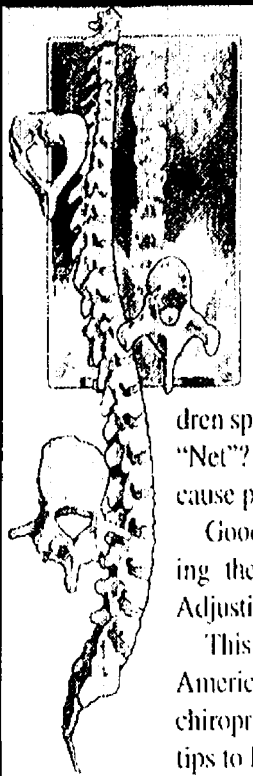
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Roger Flickenger
Service Advisor

County's emergency preparedness put to the test

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worked diligently to create a triage outside the hospital to make sure the other patients at the hospital were not exposed to the disease. She also had victims turning up at the Roscommon clinic.

To make the exercise quite realistic, phone service to those involved was cutoff and the staff had to rely on other means of communication.

Overseeing and evaluating the hospital drill was Michigan State Police 7th District Emergency Management Coordinator Lt. Mike Tilley. He said, "I haven't attended a whole lot of hospital drills here in northern Michigan, but I can say Mercy's performance was the best I have seen."

"Hospital staff showed their knowledge of emergency preparedness while dealing professionally with the outbreak of smallpox, caring for trauma victims from the touch down of a tornado and an accident involving hazardous material. They even went through the

motions of decontaminating those exposed to the materials."

But, there was one thing that really impressed Lt. Tilley -- how Mercy Grayling involved its Pastoral Care Volunteers in caring for the mental and spiritual needs of the victims. "This was a real testament to their (Mercy's) mission," he said. While urgent and proper medical attention should be foremost in the minds of emergency workers, Tilley said these volunteers serve just as important of a service.

Walker commented the exercise was "well worth the effort" because "You have to ask yourself, 'When do you ever feel really prepared?' Things are so hard to predict. What I do know is, when it comes to an emergency, this community really comes together."

Walker said the drill involved about 50-60 hospital staff members. Tilley said it was quite evident they all had clearly defined roles. "The really embraced this exercise," he said.

Over at 911-Dispatch, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was up and running and each representative discussed how his or her agency would be involved with providing aid as each disaster occurred. Akers said he built a scenario that seemed highly improbable but quite possible and was impressed with how each person handled their decisions.

Participating in the exercise at the EOC were:

Susan Medler, Larry Akers, L.J. Baker, Gary Sheldon, George Hall, Jay Gliwa (evaluator), Karl Schreiner, Douglas Pratt, Scott Hanson, Major Kevin Sherman, Chris Loiselle, Kevin Hunter, Thom



Major Kevin Sherman and Mercy Hospital Emergency Room's Pattie Walker, RN, participated in last week's mock disaster drill.

"Red" Duggan, Pat Merrill, Russ Strohpaal, Dennis Long, Tina Bassett, Shawn Kraves, Robert Vollmer, Kirk Wakefield, Brian Hirsch, Lt. Mike Tilley, Cynthia Pushman, Pattie Walker.

Lt. Tilley discussed with the EOC group the procedure most likely to be used to obtain vaccines and how they would be distributed. He praised the hospital's ability to track the diagnosed patients and keep them segregated, preventing a possible epidemic.

Akers said he was very happy with the results of the three-hour-long mock disaster exercise. "It gave everyone a chance to see how prepared we are and discuss any shortcomings that may need attention," he said. "Overall, I think we

all learned a lot from this lesson that took us in many directions at once. I am happy to say we all remained focused on the priority of public safety, no matter what the crisis."



Lt. Mike Tilley explains the probable procedure for acquiring vaccines in the case of a bioterrorist attack.

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Three appointed to local boards

At the April 24 regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, three local citizens were appointed to the same number of local boards.

Sue Somero, of Grayling Township, was re-appointed to her position on the Crawford County Housing Commission to serve a five-year term.

Ronald E. Wood, of Beaver Creek Township, was appointed to the Crawford County Planning Commission to fill a vacancy on that board. His term will expire December 29, 2003.

Jim Phelps, of Grayling Township, was appointed to the Fish Hatchery Steering Committee to serve a two-year term.

Voting by the Commissioners on each candidate was unanimous.

Seats are coming up for appointment on the Crawford County Commission on Aging. Two members are reaching term limits and one seat has been left open by the recent resignation of Jennie Hatfield.

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Somehow, somehow everyone has been affected by cancer. Through its "Help Whip Cancer" corporate-giving campaign, The Pampered Chef, a leading direct seller of kitchen tools and specialty food items, has partnered with the American Cancer Society to raise both awareness and

funds for breast cancer early detection programs.

From May 1 - 31, there are three ways in which the Pampered Chef invites the public to "Help Whip Cancer."

- Host a "Help Whip Cancer" Kitchen Show Fund-raiser. Money raised at this in-home cooking demonstration will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

- Make a cash donation to the American Cancer Society by rounding your orders up to the nearest dollar or more at any Kitchen Show held in May.

- Purchase special Help Whip Cancer products. The Pampered

Chef will be offering a special pink Twixit! Clip Combo Pack for \$4.75 and an exclusive new Spoon Rest for \$10. The American Cancer Society's breast cancer early detection and education programs will receive \$1 for each Twixit! Clip Combo pack and \$2 for each Spoon Rest purchased.

In just two years, The Pampered Chef has raised over \$1.1 million for breast cancer early detection and education programs through the "Help Whip Cancer" campaign.

For more information about how to "Help Whip Cancer" in May by purchasing Twixit! Clips, the Spoon Rest and/or hosting a "Help Whip Cancer" Kitchen Show Fund-raiser,

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For more information about cancer, call the American Cancer Society toll-free at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Adrian College

Colby Davis, a sophomore majoring in English and Psychology, received the Scholarship Cup at the Adrian College Honors Awards Ceremony on April 5 at Adrian College. She is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis.



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Ronald Mead, both of Gaylord.

Dr. Oppermann, son of Butch and Mary Brown of Grayling and R.C. Oppermann of Saginaw, graduated from Grayling High School in 1991. He then attended Ferris State University for three years of undergraduate study, followed by four years of graduate study at Ferris State University's Michigan College of Optometry (MCO). He graduated with a doctor of optometry degree in the spring of 1998.

After graduating from MCO, Dr. Oppermann spent the summer working in Traverse City, then

became an employee of Gaylord Eye Care Center in 1998.

Dr. Oppermann is a member of both the American Optometric Association and the Michigan Optometric Association. The scope of his practice covers, but is not limited to, primary eye care including management of eye injuries and diseases, low vision, standard eye examinations and prescriptions and contact lenses.

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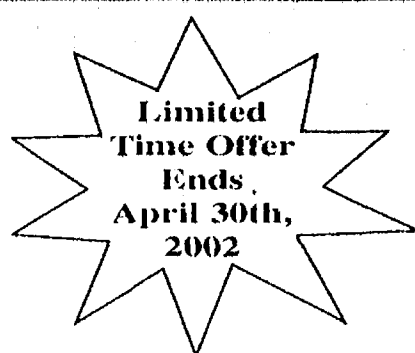
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"The Pajama Party Murders!!!" is an audience participation mystery by Eileen Moushey. Bartholomew T. Cosmo has passed away and his heirs are gathering for the reading

of the will. To inherit, the heirs must spend the night at Cosmo House, but given the size of the inheritance, there may be impostors.

This production has roles for three men, four women and one host/hostess. Director Jeani Vermillion requests that those interested in auditioning come prepared to read selected scenes from the play, and do some improvisation work.

The auditions are open to any area resident. In addition to cast members, the Kirtland Players are looking for people to work behind the scenes as costumer, make-up artists, props, stage manager, and technical assistants.

Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to come out and join the Players at the auditions. For more information, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 375.

Minigrant Workshops offered by MCACA

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, an agency with the State of Michigan's Department of History, Arts and Libraries, will present free workshops to teach Michigan non-profit organizations about the Council's Regional Regranting Program.

This program is for regional funding of arts and cultural projects through Minigrants of up to \$4,000 per project.

The next Minigrant deadline, for projects taking place between October 1, 2002 and September 30, 2003 is July 1, 2002.

Organizations located in Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties (Region 19) and interested in obtaining Minigrant guidelines, applications and information, should attend one of the following Minigrant Workshops. Registration is not required.

- Wednesday, May 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Brown bag Minigrant Workshop (feel free to bring your own lunch and beverage) - at the CRAF Center, 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

- Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the West Branch Public Library, 119 N. 4th Street in West Branch.

Other Minigrant workshops are scheduled for May 16-17 in East Tawas, Harrisville and Mio.

For more information on the Regional Regranting Program, contact MCACA at (517) 241-3971 or visit MCACA Minigrant web page: <http://eis.state.mi.us/arts/minigrant.htm>.

Visit the 'Buds & Bugs' button show May 4

Forget the funny looks from people when they first learn you collect vintage clothing buttons... and, never mind the more surprised looks when they hear that men collect buttons also.

Dive into the world of old buttons and see what you can find. Examples of buttons that men collect could include military, railroad and other transportation buttons. How about work clothes, sports, uniform buttons, hunt club and state seals, just to name a few of men's preferences?

A closer look at transportation uniform buttons might include horses, cable and trolley car lines, bus lines and subways.

Uniform buttons could include military, schools, societies, companies, states, or transportation by land, sea or air.

Many button collectors like Civil War buttons... and, don't forget buttons with animals -- especially deer, dogs and cats.

Although some of these seem male-oriented, both men and women collect every type of button. Favorite materials of buttons include glass, celluloid, enamel, silver, wood, and china, along with metals. There are Victorian and fancy, lace glass buttons to look for, too.

In the United States, the National Button Club brings state organizations together once a year for a grand

time. There are button exhibits, competitions, shows and sales.

Michigan sponsors two button shows each year. The Spring Show is a one-day affair, with this year's theme being "Buds & Bugs." This show is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake. Friday night "early birds" who stay at the Inn will be able to participate in a co-ed "pajama party," with prizes awarded for the best decorated bedroom slippers. The show is hosted by "Top of the Mitt" Button Club.

The public is invited to attend the Buds & Bugs button show where they might find everything from Victorian buttons to poke box buttons for crafters.

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The Saddle Club Riders Area Youth 4-H Horse Club will put on a Stick Pony Rodeo to benefit 4-H programs, the Youth 4-H Horse Club and the fairgrounds on Monday, May 13.

The Youth 4-H Horse Club is the newest club in the local program. Adult leaders Linette Rochette, Charlotte Fairbotham and Sharon Whitcher, along with Teen Leader Jenny Emmons and club members, invite everyone in the community to come out to the Rodeo, "where the contestants are small but mighty and the horses never buck!"

Everyone is invited to participate in the Rodeo to be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Bring your own stick pony or lease one of the many stick ponies club members have just made (out of socks) for \$1. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the events begin at 6 p.m. Each event carries an entry fee of \$1 and parking is \$1 per car.

The Club has planned many for this fun-filled, family evening: Balloon Pop, Waterglass, Sack Race, Cloverleaf Barrels and Straight Barrels. There will be refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.



Photo courtesy of Saddle Club Riders Area Youth 4-H Horse Club

Local 4-H Horse Club members recently created stick ponies to be "ridden" in the upcoming Stick Pony Rodeo on Monday evening, May 13 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Shown is Teen Leader Jenny Emmons (far left) with pony makers Ty Whitcher, Isaac Rochette, Zachary Rochette, Rachel Rochette, Ashley Whitcher, Anna Grosskopf, Richelle Grosskopf, and Sara Mawhorter.

For more information, call Linette at 275-4040 or Sharon at 348-5143.

The Saddle Club Riders will also be holding four Open Speed Shows,

with real horses, this spring and summer at the fairgrounds. Look for upcoming announcements in the *Avalanche*.

Turkey Shoot to be held in Luzerne

The AuSable River Valley Wild Turkey Chapter will host a Turkey Shoot at the Lost Creek Sky Ranch in Luzerne on Saturday, May 11 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, however youths must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Special shoots are planned for youths eight to 15 years of age. Cost is \$2 a shot or three shots for \$5.

Eye (provided) and ear protection (\$1) must be worn. Bring own shot gun, 410, 12 and 20 gauge only. Only youths may use a 410 shot gun. Ammo will be provided.

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The Lost Creek Sky Ranch will host a special meal at a reduced rate for those who attend the turkey shoot. A bake sale will be held and 50/50 drawings will be held every half hour. The Lost Creek Sky Ranch is located at 768 Mapes Road in Luzerne (north of M-72 and west of M-33). All proceeds from the Turkey Shoot go to Turkey Winter Survival. For more information, call (989) 848-2669.

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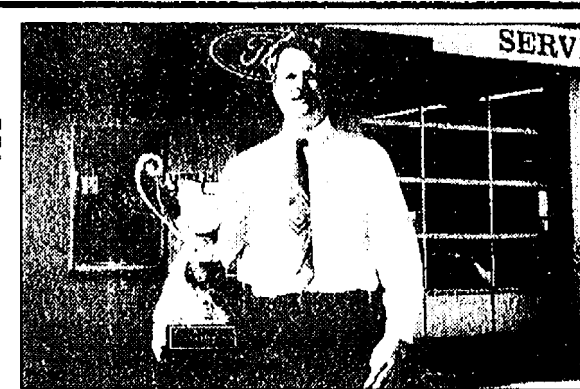
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May 1 through May 4 and May 7 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, East of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and West of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers, artillery and mortar firing:

May 3 through May 5 from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

May 2 through May 5 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline:

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Range 17, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road):

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Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bold Hill Truck Trail:

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The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

OBITUARIES

Luola D. Vradenburg

Dec. 25, 1908 - April 26, 2002
 Luola Dell Vradenburg, age 93, of Grayling, died on Friday, April 26 at Grayling Nursing Centre. She was born at Elm Hall to Archie Allen Kelley and Hattie May Sigfried. She married Leonard V. Vradenburg.

Mrs. Vradenburg was a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church and DAV Post 16 Auxiliary in Pontiac.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Leonard on August 6, 1987.

She is survived by one son: Donald L. (Sondra) Vradenburg of Grayling, five grandchildren: Henry Laird of Frederic, Kelly Marie, Charles and Nancy VanWinkle and Cassandra Vradenburg-Kneff. Also, two great-grandchildren: Matthew Vradenburg and James Olsen.

Funeral services were Monday, April 29 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend William Winter officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Richard K. Shipe

March 26, 1960 - April 13, 2002

Richard Kevin Shipe, age 42 died Saturday, April 13 at his residence in Fennville, of heart failure.

Richard was born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling in 1960, and graduated from Grayling High School in 1978.

Richard enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, tinkering with cars and music of all kinds, including bagpipe music. He will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Florence Douglas of Grayling in 1988.

Richard is survived by his mother Marjory Shipe of Grayling. His Uncle John and Aunt Vilma Douglas of Los Angeles California and his companion of twelve years Trina Jones and her children, Brandon, Sean and Rebecca of Fennville.

A service was held for Mr. Shipe in Fennville, where he was cremated. A donation to a charity or a book for the library in his memory would be a nice remembrance.

Clarence C. Brenner

April 29, 2002
 Clarence Calvin Brenner, age 95, died Monday, April 29 in his home.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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Genevieve C. Jacobs

Sept. 6, 1920 - April 27, 2002
 Genevieve C. Jacobs, age 81, died Saturday, April 27, at Mercy Manor in Grayling. She was born September 6, 1920 in Bay City to the late Joseph and Josephine (DeWyse) Walther.

She was married to Wilfred W. Jacobs who preceded her in death on November 15, 1976.

Mrs. Jacobs was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church of Essexville, League of Catholic Women and Men, and L.C.B.A.

She is survived by her son: Kenneth G. (Glenda) Jacobs of Grayling; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law: Regina Walther of Clio and Frances Walther of Bay City; brother-in-law: Raymond Cianek of Essexville; numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter and son-in-law: Janet and Thomas Chesterfield; five brothers and four sisters.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, Essexville. Reverend Thomas J. McNamara will officiate and private interment will take place Thursday, May 2 in Riverside Cemetery, Germfask. Memorial contributions may be directed to "Wishes of the Family."

Arrangements by Trahan Funeral Chapel, Bay City.

Emil Niederer

May 20, 1937 - Jan. 16, 2002

Graveside services for Emil C. Niederer, who died January 16, will be held Tuesday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Arrangements by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Frederic ambulance crew and Firefighters and Grayling MMR personnel for their quick response and efforts during our emergency, on behalf of the family of Ralph Boonie. Your professionalism and hard work are truly appreciated.

A special thank you to Polly, Bill Margaret, Krystal, Murray and Tanya for your help and support. Thank you to Judy for being there. Thank you to everyone for the calls and cards which meant so much during this time of loss.

Any many thanks to all who came to share together in memory of Ralph, who will be sadly missed, but not forgotten. To the friends and family who give the strength needed at times like these, our gratitude.

Connie Tuck and Boonie Family

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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Wed. May 1 - Kielbasa & Sauerkraut/Hot Turkey Sandwich; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercises and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; RSVP cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; and McDonald's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thu. May 2 - Shepherd's Pie/ Roast Beef; BP's taken 11 a.m. to noon; Bible Study at 11 a.m. and at 5:15 Judge Hunter will be addressing the subject of Living Wills.

Fri. May 3 - Swiss Steak/no dinner; Pantry Bingo & 80 Cent Rummy 1 p.m.

Sun. May 5 - Sunday Brunch, Western Omelet on the menu.

Mon. May 6 - Chicken Kiev/Pork Roast; Stag cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. May 7 - Baked Cod/Wiener Schnitzel; Euchre Club at 1 p.m. and Our Mother's Day dinner and dance beginning at 5 p.m.

Wed. May 8 - Stuffed Peppers/Hamburger Stroganoff; Commodities distributed from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's in the back parking lot. Exercises and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; RSVP ladies and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Birthday dinner for May people at 5 p.m. and White Elephant Auction at 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: When you think you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and Hang On!!

CASD BOARD NOTES

Cecilia Scow, Frederic Elementary Principal told the Board about the newly mandated MI Access program that must be given to all special education students in lieu of MEAP testing. Special education is divided into several categories and two of those categories were tested this year. By 2005/06 the program will cover all special education students. Parents may not opt their children out of the program.

The Board directed the Construction Committee to add alternative bids to the bid package. This gives the Board some flexibility in case the project comes in under budget.

Superintendent Milli Haug reported that the retirements of Jerry Hayes, Pete Ingvarsson, Patricia Hawkins, Nona Brigham and Nancy Nunn, as well as the resignations of William Meier and Kathryn Olson have given her some flexibility in setting up class schedules for next year. She reported that money will be very tight next year and some staffing decisions may not be made until late in the summer.

The Board granted tenure to Brian Banda, Gina Brunskill, Stanley Forrester, Christopher Lackenbacher, Tamara Myers, Deborah Umlor and Kimberly VanDrese.

The next Board meeting is set for May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of Grayling Elementary School.

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Softball team wins two vs. Oscoda

► Vikings sweep Owls in Grayling, fall to SSC Panthers on the road

Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team swept a conference series vs. the Owls of Oscoda last Tuesday, lost a series at Standish on Friday, and defeated Roscommon in a non-conference match-up on April 18.

Last Tuesday, the Vikings defeated Oscoda 10-7 in game one of a doubleheader, then won the second game 21-4 by mercy rule after only three innings of play.

"Great defense by Lori Ellis (in game one)," said Coach Donna Boughner. "She had her hand in eight outs for the game, four were unassisted. (At the plate) she was 3 for 4 with a double."

Lori Hinkle and Tabatha Ketchum both batted 2 for 4 and Emily Harvey was 1 for 2 with a double. Nikita Sartin had one hit, a walk, and a run-batted-in on a "perfect bunt." Ashley Wolcott, Ellis, Jamie Dent, and Harvey scored two runs apiece and Hayley Boardman and Sartin each scored once.

"Grayling played well," said Coach Boughner. "They were excellent on the bases. It has been their strength this year."

The Vikings followed the 10-7 win with a 21-4 victory in game two in what Coach Boughner called a "hitting bonanza."

Grayling scored its 21 runs on 17 hits with 10 RBI.

Leading hitters for GHS in game two were: Ellis, 3 for 4 (with two doubles), 3 RBI, 3 runs scored;

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See "SOFTBALL TEAM..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Lori Hinkle pitches for Grayling in last Tuesday's conference series against the Oscoda Owls at GHS. The Vikings won both games of the doubleheader.

JV softball team hosts Panthers of Standish



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling second baseman Ashley Rousseau throws to first after fielding a grounder in last Friday's junior varsity game against Standish Sterling Central. Standish won the match.

Grayling High School's 2002 track team



The 2002 varsity boys track team: (front row, left to right) Michael Salyers, Brandon Himmell, Travis Brush, Travis LaMotte, Aaron Mead, Ryan Schmidt, Richard Haight, Trevor Clough, Matt Cottrell; (middle row, left to right) Bryan Gorman, Tyler Cragg, Shawn Gabriel, Scott Latusek, Andrew Sloan, David Fleischmann, Tim Umlor, Nick Hurd, Brent Gabriel; (back row, left to right) Nate Thompson, Bob VanNuck, R.J. Schmidt, Damien Fleischmann, Chris Bonnington, Travis Fagan, Coach Scott Cousineau, Mike Schmidt, Kyle Fleischmann, Rich Ryan, John Anderson, Dan Mahaney, Brett Mead.



The 2002 varsity girls track team: (front row, left to right) Sarah Golnick, Jodi Riddle, Brittney Bennett, Ashley Hawley; (middle row, left to right) Joni Welch, Jennifer Tozer, Jacklynne Wakeley, Jamie Pinkelman, Anja Mennerich, Briea Frisbie; (back row, left to right) Coach Brian Banda, Elizabeth Banda, Alyssa Farrell, Jessica Green, Nichole Millar, Jennifer VanNuck, Shannon Terry, Coach Rich Moffit.

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Local skier takes silver at Nationals



Michael Olson, 10, of Grayling, won the silver medal in his division at the Nastar National Ski Championships in Park City, Utah on March 30. Olson qualified for nationals at Nub's Nob and Schuss Mountain by winning gold medals during weekly races. He also qualified at Crystal Mountain by taking the silver medal in the Midwest Regional Championships.

Local Special Olympics team wins state basketball title

► Two Grayling players part of Northland Lady Huskies squad

Two Special Olympians from Grayling – Dawn Whaley and Cassie Merrithew – were members of the Northland Lady Huskies basketball team that recently won the Division III state title at this year's Michigan Special Olympics Basketball Championships. The tournament, which featured a field of 58 teams, was held in Grand Rapids.

The Huskies opened the event with a 26-24 overtime win against Three Rivers. In the gold medal game, the Huskies trailed Southgate the entire game before pulling ahead in the last minute of the match to win 24-22. The victory earned the team the Division III championship.

The players on the Huskies roster were from Grayling, Roscommon, St. Helen, and Houghton Lake. Over 50 athletes participated in the Area 4 (Oscoda, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Crawford counties) basketball program this year. Besides the women's team, the local Special Olympics program sponsored three men's teams and one junior team.

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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

ROSCOMMON – Kaleb House, a slender 6-foot-5 forward from Mt. Pleasant and an athlete with a pedigree, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Kirtland Community College, coach and athletic director Glen Donahue announced recently.

A 2001 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High, House is the grandson of Roy Kramer, the former Central Michigan University coach who led the Chippewas to a Division II national championship before leaving to become head coach at Vanderbilt. Kramer currently is

commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

"I had been looking for a place to



play and someone I know mentioned Coach Donahue," House said. "Everybody knows he's really a good coach. I saw a couple of games this season, and I really like their style."

House took a year off to help on the family farm, but looks forward to resuming his career next season with the Firebirds.

"He'll need to hit the weight room," Donahue said, "but he'll help us next year and has a great future as a student-athlete. He's a good ballplayer and a fine young man."



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Tennis team edged by Bay City John Glenn

► Close matches at #2 doubles and #4 singles the difference in 5-2 loss to BCJG

The GHS varsity boys tennis team recently lost a closely contested meet at home against the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn, 5-2.

For Grayling, Justin Fenn (#1 singles) won his match 6-0, 6-1, and Todd Gaffke (#2 singles) also won 6-0, 6-1.

In two close matches, Will Brewer and James Lawrence (#2 doubles) lost to BCJG 2-6, 7-5, 5-7, and Kyle Roman (#4 singles) lost 4-6, 6-4, 2-6.

"The boys are playing well and continue to work hard in practice," said Coach Joe Mau. "Their improvement in matches is starting to show. We lost three-set matches at #2 doubles and #4 singles, which could have swung the team match our way."

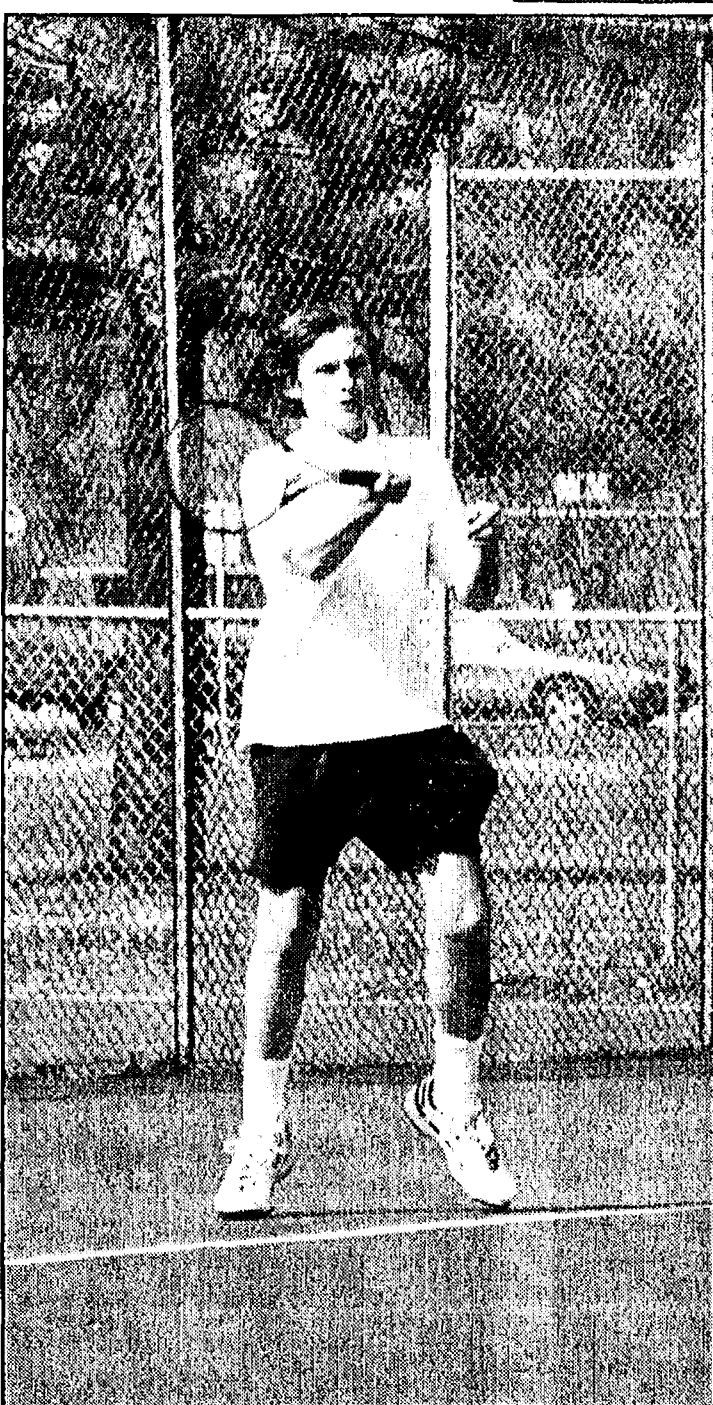
"We continue to get strong leadership from our seniors (Justin Fenn, Kyle Roman, Kalub Fedak, Bob Collin) and focused play from Todd Gaffke at #2 singles," Coach Mau said.

The Vikings will compete in the Boyne Invitational on Friday, May 3. On Tuesday, May 7, the team will host Traverse City West at 4 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Justin Fenn competes against his #1 singles counterpart from Elk Rapids in last Wednesday's varsity tennis meet in Grayling. (Left) Kyle Trudgeon, playing at #3 singles for Grayling, returns a ball in the meet against Elk Rapids last week. The Grayling High School tennis team will host Traverse City West on Tuesday, May 7.



Todd Gaffke, playing in Grayling's #2 singles spot, returns a ball against Elk Rapids on Wednesday, April 24.



Brady Ward serves during a doubles match against Elk Rapids.



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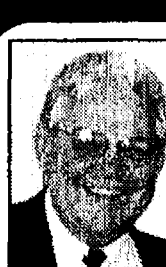
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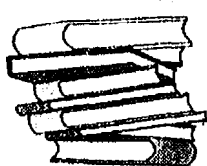
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Boys track team competes against G's, SSC

► Team continues
to improve, just
needs to get
healthy, coach says

Grayling High School's boys
track team competed in a conference
track meet at Gladwin last
Wednesday against the Flying G's
of Gladwin and the Panthers of
Standish Sterling Central.

The Vikings of Grayling -- short-
handed last week due to injuries --
lost to Standish 77-56 and fell to
Gladwin 119-18 in final team
scores.

"We did about as well as we could
considering we were missing four
regulars and others with limited
number of events due to assorted
aches and pulls," said Coach Scott
Cousineau. "We continue to see
many improvements on this team. I
only hope we get healthy enough to

compete at full force next week."
Placements for Grayling at
Wednesday's dual meet included:
(vs. Standish) Scott Latusek,
Chris Bonnington, John Anderson,
R.J. Schmidt, 1st, 3200m relay,
10:01.7; Travis LaMotte, 3rd, 100m
dash, 12.3; Damien Fleischmann,
1st, 110m hurdles, 20.0; Latusek,
1st, 1600m run, 5:06; Schmidt, 2nd,
1600m run, 5:11; Tyler Cragg, 2nd,

400m dash, 59.0; Schmidt, 2nd
(tie), long jump, 16'4";
Fleischmann, 2nd, 300m hurdles,
50.2; Schmidt, 1st, 800m run,
2:22.4; Travis Fagan, 3rd, 200m
dash, 27.4; Brett Mead, 1st, high
jump, 5'4"; Shawn Gabriel, 3rd,
high jump, 5'0"; Latusek, 1st,
3200m run, 11:19.9; Gabriel, Fagan,
Mead, Cragg, 1st, 1600m relay,
4:03.6;

(vs. Gladwin) Latusek, 1st,
1600m run, 5:06; Schmidt, 2nd,
1600m run, 5:11; Tyler Cragg, 3rd,
400m dash, 59.0; Schmidt, 2nd,
800m run, 2:22.4; Mead, 3rd, high
jump, 5'4"; Latusek, 1st, 3200m
run, 11:19.9.

The track team will compete at
Tawas on Wednesday, May 8. On
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Bob VanNuck hands the relay baton to Michael Salyers at a recent meet in Grayling.



Ryan Schmidt competes in a dash event at Grayling High School.

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Softball team wins two vs. Oscoda

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Wolcott, 3 for 4, 3 runs scored; Sartin, 3 for 3, 2 runs scored; Ketchum, 2 for 4, 2 RBI; Hinkle, 2 for 3, 2 RBI. Heather Metzger had one hit, 2 runs scored, and 2 RBI, and Andrea Dunckley had one hit.

"(Pitcher) Hinkle struck out three and Dent and Ellis were the main contributors on defense," Boughner said.

On Friday, the Vikings fell to 2-2 in the North East Michigan Conference (4-5 overall) with a series loss to Standish Sterling Central at Standish.

SSC won game one 9-6.

"A disappointing loss," said Coach Boughner. "We have led in every game this year at one point. We have to learn to close the deal. We almost made a run in the last inning to win, but fell a little short."

Dent and Ketchum each had two hits for GHS. Wolcott had a triple, and Ellis, Hinkle, and Sartin each had a hit.

"Too many errors on defense cost us this game," said Coach Boughner. "Routine outs were not going our way. Ketchum had a great day behind the plate, throwing out three baserunners. Hinkle struck out three, and Jamie Dent made a double play."

Standish took game two by a final score of 17-2.

"The wheel fell off. Standish scored seven runs in the first inning, with the help of a three-run homer over the fence. That is a deficit that is hard to overcome in softball. Standish hit the ball very well this game, and Grayling did not make the outs when they needed to. The Standish hitters were phenomenal," Coach Boughner said.

Ellis and Metzger had the only Grayling hits in game two of the Standish series. Metzger and Wolcott scored Grayling's only runs.

The week before, Grayling posted a 14-4 victory over the Bucks of Roscommon in Grayling. Game two of the doubleheader was rained out.

"Excellent game pitched by Lori Hinkle," said Coach Boughner. "The success of this game has a lot to do with her dedication and concentration. Our defense kicked in with zero mental errors, all errors in the field were physical and the players overcame them easily. Our bats were alive in this game."

Dent had two hits, three runs scored, three steals, and one RBI; Wolcott had two hits (a double and a triple), one run scored, and one steal; Ellis had one hit, one RBI, two stolen bases, and two runs scored; Dunckley and Sartin each had one hit and two runs scored; Hinkle and Ketchum each had one hit; and Lexi Bondar and Boardman each had stolen bases in pinch running roles. Bondar scored



Lori Ellis scores a run in the April 18 game vs. Roscommon. Grayling won the match by a final score of 14-4.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ashley Wolcott hits the ball against the Owls of Oscoda in last Tuesday night's series. The Vikings swept the doubleheader 10-7, 21-4.

twice, and Harvey and Metzger both crossed the plate once.

"Ashley Wolcott had an outstanding game defensively with three hit-stealing put-outs in center field. Tabatha Ketchum played tough behind the plate, throwing out two

runners and keeping the others on base," Coach Boughner said.

The Vikings will host the Petoskey Northmen on Friday, May 3, at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, May 7, Grayling will host Gladwin at 4 p.m.

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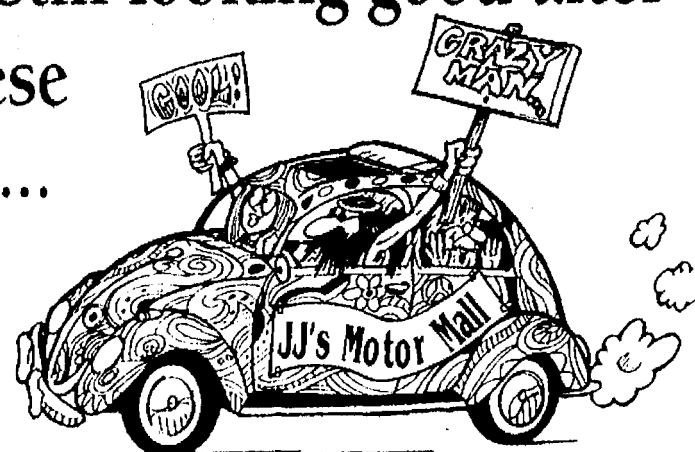
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Varsity baseball team hosts Oscoda



Ryan Swope pitches for Grayling against Oscoda last Tuesday at GHIS.

2nd Annual Alumni Baseball Game to be held May 26

The 2nd Annual Grayling Viking Alumni Baseball Game, which will feature a homerun derby and an alumni vs. the current Vikings baseball game, is scheduled for Sunday, May 26.

The event, to be held at the Grayling High School baseball field, will start at 1:00 p.m. A homerun derby will kick off the day, and a contest between this year's Vikings and the alumni will follow. All former Grayling High School baseball players are encouraged to participate in this year's festivities.

The cost to take part will be \$20, which includes a T-shirt. All proceeds from the alumni game event will go to the GHIS baseball program.

Deadline for entry will be Wednesday, May 22. Those interested in playing can call Coach Duane Vandresse at 348-7641 (high school) or 348-3947.

"We were very encouraged at how well-received this game was last year and we are hoping to duplicate that success," said Vandresse. "Our kids were impressed with the talent level of our alumni. It was a wonderful opportunity for our kids to see and meet some of those who came before them. There was a real connection."

Results of last year's game had the Vikings beating the alumni 6-5. Mike D'Amour homered for the Vikings and Jeff Palmer, Brian Palmer, Dave Schreiber, Caleb Casey, Eli Tobin, and Dale Metzger all collected base hits for the alumni. Schreiber won the homerun derby.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Chris Wakeley slides into home for a score against the Owls of Oscoda in a conference series last Tuesday in Grayling. (Below) Grayling third baseman Ryan Davis throws home on a short ground ball down the third base line.



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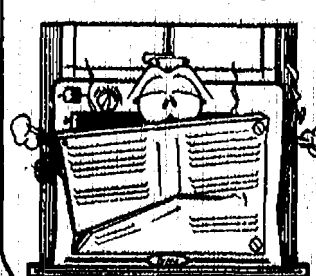
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JV baseball team falls to Oscoda, SSC

► Vikings lose at Oscoda on Tuesday, fall to Panthers on Friday in Grayling

Grayling High School lost two junior varsity baseball doubleheaders last week: a series at Oscoda on Tuesday and two games in Grayling on Friday vs. the visiting Panthers of Standish Sterling Central.

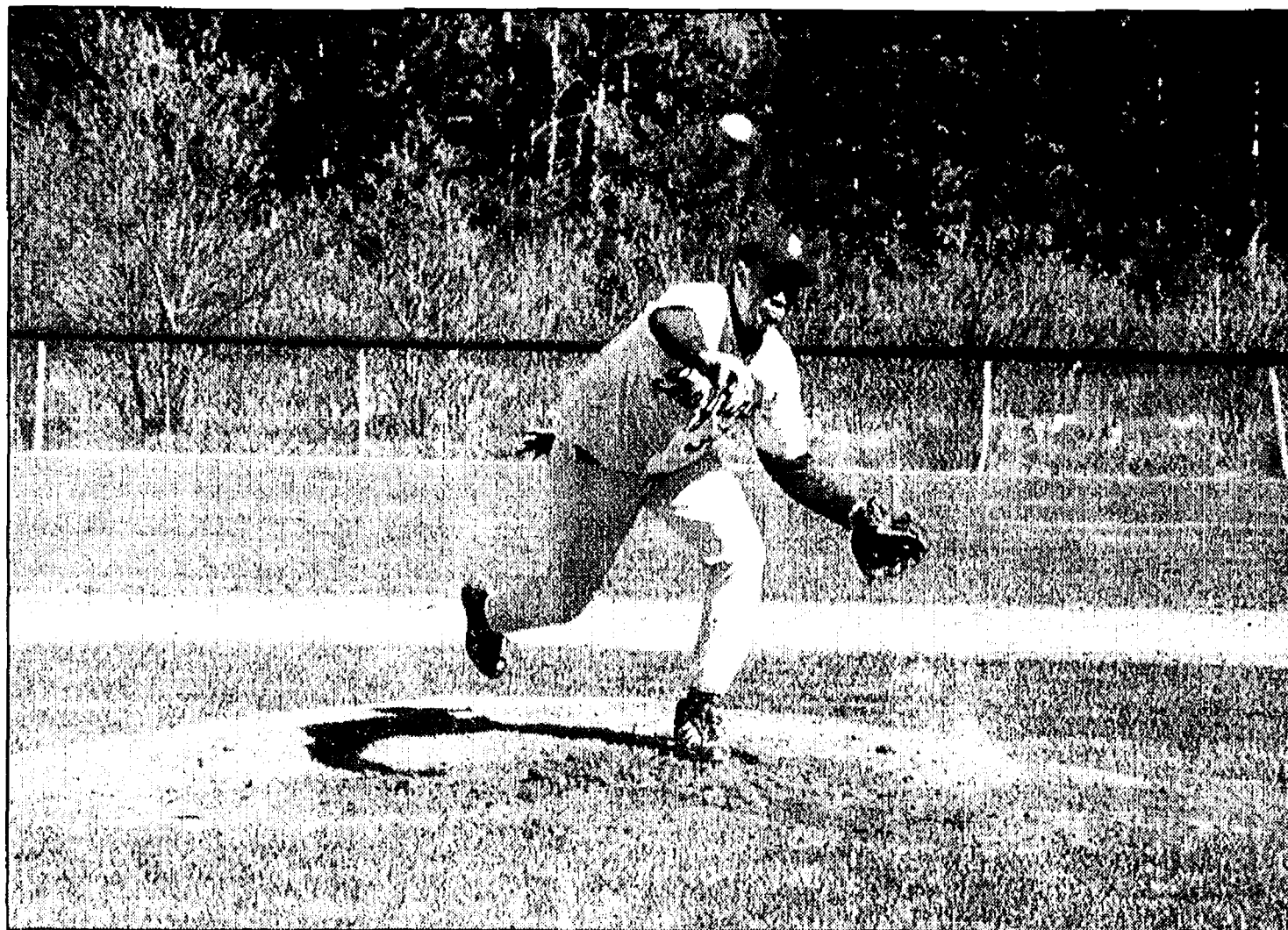
On Friday, Standish won the first game of the evening 14-4. Walks and errors in the field hurt Grayling's chances in the match.

The Vikings lost game two by one run, 5-4. Grayling led 4-1 going into the last inning, but Standish pulled off a successful comeback to win the game and complete the series sweep.

"(Grayling) played pretty well the second game," said Coach Mark Bartkowski. "We were leading 4-1 going into the last inning. A lead-off homerun followed by an error and then a triple got Standish started on their comeback."

In game one, Jason Strohpaul had two hits for GHS and Lee Schreiber, Greg Morrill, and Alex McNamara each had one hit. Greg Morrill and Andy Strohpaul had the only Grayling hits in game two.

Game one pitchers Morrill and J. Strohpaul combined for nine strikeouts. In game two, A. Strohpaul pitched the complete game for



Greg Morrill pitches for Grayling vs. Standish Sterling Central on Friday, April 26.

Grayling, striking out six and allowing only two walks.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost to Oscoda 10-2 and 4-1.

Schreiber had two hits for GHS in game one and D.J. Metzger and Greg Warren each had one hit. Schreiber had two hits in game two.

A. Strohpaul pitched the entire second game. He struck out three,

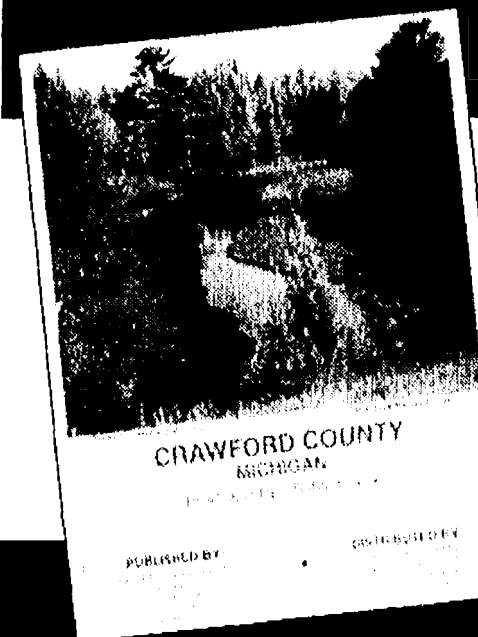
walked one, and surrendered only four hits.

"(We had) too many errors in game one," Coach Bartkowski said. "(Grayling) played well in game two, but couldn't generate any offense."

The Vikings will play at Petoskey on Friday, May 3. On May 7, the team will play at Gladwin.

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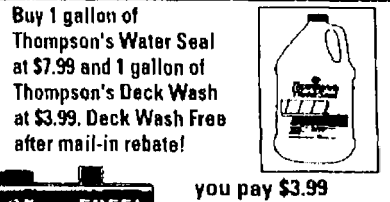
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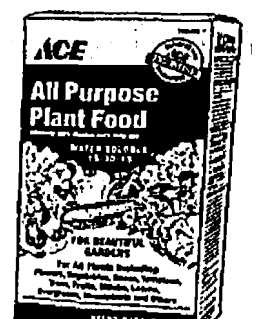
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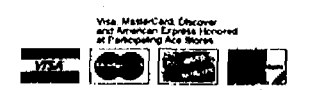
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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lee B. Johnson, Sr. and Shirley A. Johnson, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 1999, and recorded on September 10, 1999, in Liber 490, Page 200, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three and 77/100 (\$42,423.77) Dollars, including interest at 11.990% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, on June 5, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 5, Block 3, of Martha M. Brinks Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling. A/k/a 204 Mikado St., Grayling,

MI 49738. Parcel ID: 070-132-003-005-00. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated April 22, 2002
Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation Mortgagee
Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

-2-9-16-23-30

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 02-6435-DE
Estate of Harold Lavern Riggs, Date of Birth: October 24, 1934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Harold L. Riggs, who lived at P. O. Box 55, Frederic, Michigan died April 20, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stanley R. Riggs, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate

court at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 25, 2002
Stanley R. Riggs
631 N. E. 14th Street
Homestead, Florida 33030

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan H. Watros and Rose J. Watros, husband and wife, to Mortgage America, Inc., mortgagee, dated July 3, 1997 and recorded August 5, 1997 in Liber 435, Page 96, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of March 1, 1998, by assignment dated April 8, 2002 and submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 77/100

Dollars (\$18,120.77) including interest at the rate of 14.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 12, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 43, Shangri-La Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2, Pages 3 and 4, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated May 2, 2002
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for the Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of March 1, 1998, As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No: 231.0605

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office of members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors the term of office for which will expire on June 30, 2002. Term limitations to do not exist for members of the CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding that office, Ms. Lynnette Corlew, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. A primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purposes of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

All Board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be either postmarked no later than Friday, May 17, 2002 or submitted directly to the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope by no later than 4:00 p.m. in Monday, May 20, 2002.

Questions or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alice L. Myers, a single woman, and Joann Mathews and Steve Mathews, husband and wife, of 410 Pere Cheny, Rosconum, MI 48653, Michigan, Mortgagors, to TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Mortgagee, dated the 16th

of December, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of February, 1999 in Liber 475, Crawford County Records, Page 385, said mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of 02/28/01, series 2001-A, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Six Thousand Forty Eight & 22/100 (\$46,048.22), and no suit or

proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of June, 2002 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.9000 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated April 28, 2002

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A.
Mortgagee
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48064
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald McVety and Colleen McVety, husband and wife to Southern Pacific Funding Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 1998 and recorded on June 30, 1998 in Liber 457, Page 170, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as trustee /k/a Northwest Bank of Minnesota, N.A. as trustee by an assignment dated November 15, 2001 and recorded November 27, 2001 in Liber 561, Page 151, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four and 76/100 Dollars (\$46,624.76), including interest at 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00

o'clock a.m. on Wednesday May 15, 2002. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 54, Holiday Heights Subdivision, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 75 of Plats, Crawford County Records.
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2002
Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as trustee /k/a Northwest Bank of Minnesota, N.A. as trustee, Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys:
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Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 24, 2002
David R. Sabin P19822
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5588
Thomas R. Hollingshead
8635 Falmouth No. 309
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE RECORD OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT

Under Michigan law the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the Friend of the Court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2002. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the Friend of the Court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the Friend of the Court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to: Hon. Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge Crawford County Courthouse, 200 Michigan Avenue, Grayling MI 49738.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Crawford County Road Commission will be holding a Special Meeting May 7, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

Purpose for the meeting is for Labor Negotiations with the Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 214, Union Representatives.

Notice posted April 15, 2002

CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BID ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID REQUESTS

On Wednesday, May 13, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Crawford AuSable School District will be holding a mandatory public walk-through for solicitation of bids. This walkthrough shall provide specifications for asbestos abatement in response to the upcoming demolition/renovation activities for the Grayling High School. Bidding Contractors are requested to meet at the Grayling High School located at 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, Michigan 49738. For additional information on this asbestos project, please contact Joel Lamb at DeLisle Associates LTD (616) 373-4500.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Michigan Army National Guard
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Fielding and Operation of the M1A1 Tank at the Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center, Grayling, Michigan

The National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C. and the Michigan Army National Guard (MIARNG) announce the availability of a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center (MTC), located near Grayling, Michigan.

The MIARNG prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to evaluate potential environmental impacts from fielding M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks at Camp Grayling. The PEA provides information and evaluates environmental conditions at the Camp Grayling MTC.

The Final PEA and Draft FNSI are available for a 30-day public review and comment period. Written public comments concerning this proposal are invited and will be received until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, June 1, 2002. Written comments should be sent to: Environmental Office, Attn: Mr. John W. Hunt, Building 30, Camp Grayling, MI 49739. Questions should be directed to Mr. John W. Hunt at (989) 344-6176. Copies of the documents are available for review at the following locations, or may be requested by calling (989) 344-6176.

Department of Military Affairs
Environmental Office
2500 S. Washington Ave.
Lansing, MI 48913
8 AM - 4 PM, Mon.-Fri.

Camp Grayling Environmental Office
Building 30
Camp Grayling, MI 49739
8 AM - 4 PM, Mon.-Fri.

Crawford County Library
201 Plum Street
Grayling, MI 49738
10 AM - 7 PM, Mon.-Thurs.
10 AM-6 PM, Fri. and 10 AM - 2 PM, Sat.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This notice is given by order of the board of education.

Carol E. Ramaswamy
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Kirtland Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Grayling Township Board will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 Hwy), to receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

6:30 p.m.: Property owners on Woodland Drive, Palmer Place and Short Street, Section 28, T27N, R3W. Involving lots in AuSable Woods #2 and #5.

Grayling Township has received a petition from a majority of property owners of frontage on above named roads requesting that a Special Assessment District be created to pave Woodland Drive and a portion of Palmer Place. If you are a property owner on the above named roads or use same for access to your property, please attend this hearing or provide comments in writing in order to protect your rights of appeal.

7:00 p.m.: All residents and property owners of Grayling Township.

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative is requesting renewal of a 30 year franchise to market and/or supply electricity and electrical services to customers within Grayling Township through and over existing and/or future transmission lines and equipment owned and operated by an authorized public utility under a franchise with Grayling Township and located within the township limits, and to do electrical business as an electrical power marketer and third party supplier of electricity in Grayling Township. They also request the authority to construct and maintain electrical equipment in Grayling Township.

Case files regarding the above requests are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the requests may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-4361 or FAX (989) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

Roadway Surfacing (various locations)

Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (non-recycled)
Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (35% maximum recycled)

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an approved mix design, which must be submitted and approved by the Crawford County Road Commission prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all recycled asphalt pavement for the entire bid quantity.

Completion date: All paving shall be completed by October 1, 2002 Or as required to meet specific project schedules.

Crawford County Road Commission will provide flag personnel and traffic control devices during construction. All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Material test reports and weight tickets shall be provided in English units. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Bidding documents are available upon request.

Contractor shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing work. Certificate shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commissioners AND the Crawford County Road Commission named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) General liability - \$500,000 each occurrence, 3) Automotive liability - \$500,000 each occurrence, and 4) Worker's compensation - statutory limits.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete projects and quantities, which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Paving Bid".

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
May 3, 1979

Saturday, April 28th, four Grayling wrestlers, John O'Mara, Steve Sauve, Tim Jensen and Tim Ferrigan, competed in the U.S. World Wrestling Federation State Semi-Finals, held in Grand Rapids. The results were very encouraging. Ninth graders Tim Ferrigan and Tim Jensen earned first and second place honors in their respective weight divisions and eighth grader Steve Sauve brought home fourth place honors in the 90 pound weight classification according to Coach Don Ferguson. The wins entitle the boys to compete in the U.S. World Wrestling Federation State Finals to be held this weekend at Grand Rapids Junior College.

Old Landmark Falls - A downtown building which served Grayling area residents as far back as local folks can recall was torn down last week, falling victim to the ravages of time. Old-timers recollect that the building on the corner of Cedar and Ottawa housed a number of food stores, including the Black & White Foodland for 23 years. General Telephone Company purchased the property and clearing of the lot was completed early this week.

46 Years Ago
May 3, 1956

A new act just passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor April 16, 1956 (immediate effect) for Persons over the age of 14 to operate a motor scooter or

motor driven bicycle. Contact your Sheriff and he will explain the details.

Joseph Stripe, present principal of Grayling High School was named as the new Grayling Superintendent of Schools by the Grayling Board of Education at a special meeting last Thursday evening. Stripe will assume his new duties as of July 1st of this year when the resignation of Frank L. Bond becomes effective.

Saturday evening, about 5:30 p.m. a car was in a collision with a school bus of the Harbor Springs High School at the junction of old and new US-27, south of Grayling. No one was injured in the accident but the driver of the car was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Rolla Failing for not having a driver's license. The Harbor Springs bus was too badly damaged to continue. It was necessary to phone Harbor Springs to dispatch another bus here to pick up the team.

Grayling's American League bowling champs, the National Bob Lefties defeated the Millikin Construction team in the rolloff. Members of the championship squad are Charles Long, Dr. Leonard Allison, Captain Wesley LaGrow, Leland Marshall, Elwyn Doremire, Robert Hayes and Bob LaMotte.

69 Years Ago
May 4, 1933

The Grayling band was royally entertained in West Branch last Sunday when it was the guest of the West Branch Chamber of

Commerce at the Trout Festival there. A short program was played in the bandstand after which each musician was handed a ticket with which to obtain dinner. After eating, a parade was formed and marched to the river where the fly casting events took place. More music was played at the river and later a street corner concert was rendered in the center of the city. A fine duralumin baton was presented to Mr. Ed Clark by Director Bob Heisman of the Midland band. The Ogemaw County Herald prints the following paragraph concerning the Grayling band: The Grayling City Band is made up of thirty pieces and directed by Ed Clark who was formerly with Ringling Brother's circus. Clark is one of the best known bandmen in Michigan and has been directing the Grayling musical organization for 30 years.

Lovers of baseball are going to have some entertainment this summer because of the organization of a softball league in Grayling. Nine teams are already organized. The captains elected are as follows: James Post, Richard Lovely, R. Sheehy, Gordon Pond, Elmer Neal, Willard Harwood and William Goltick. The businessmen will have a team also.

The Senior play "Would You Believe It," which was scheduled for last Friday has been indefinitely postponed. This does not mean that there will be no play. There will. But due to the fact that a new character must be broken in, no definite date can be set at this time. The motto of the Seniors is "Accomplish, or attempt not," and inasmuch as they have attempted they mean to accomplish, so hold your tickets and plan to come and

see "Would You Believe It."

The heavy windstorm did quite a bit of damage in Frederic Sunday, injuring one man, George Lodge, so that he had to be rushed to the Grayling Hospital, and breaking Wm. Leng's big front window in his garage and slightly injuring Mr. Leng. It also nearly destroyed George Horton's barn and some of the outbuildings on the old Sheldon place. T.G. Roby's fish shanty which stood beside his house was completely destroyed.

92 Years Ago
May 5, 1910

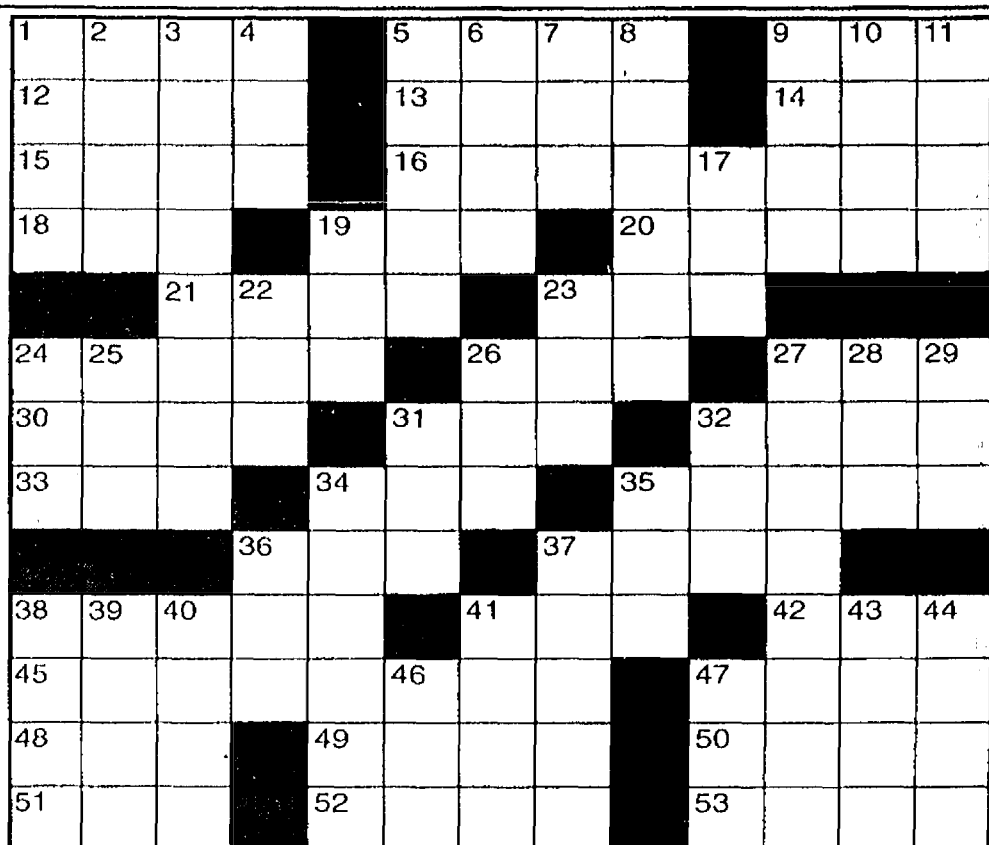
T. W. Hanson received a fine Hupmobile, 20 horse power, Tuesday, for which we imagine his driving horse will be truly thankful.

Alvin LaChapelle has accepted a position in the M.C. round-house nights, after having resigned his position in the M.C. freight depot where he has worked the last year.

The Beaver Creek Busy Bees held their second meeting last Friday at Clarence Manning's with an attendance of 48 men and women, cleared five acres and plowed and dragged about six acres. A fine dinner and supper was served by the ladies and the day was called a success. Next meeting will be at Chris King's.

Report of the School District No. 1, Beaver Creek Township for the month - Those not absent nor tardy for the entire month are Elsie, Lillie, and Clarence Mortenson, Homer and Howard Annis, Johnnie and Henry Christenson, Ethel, Edna, and Edgar Mawhorter, Anna Parker, Orval Hatfield, Mark and Donald Hanna and Flora Moon. Teacher, Frank Love.

CROSSWORD



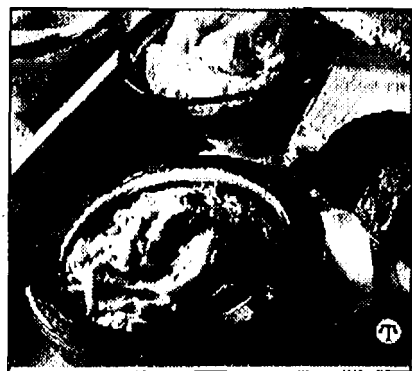
ACROSS

1. Metal used for galvanizing
5. Become less reserved
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12. Math calculation
13. Cindy Bear's beau
14. Fulfillment for Falstaff
15. French holiday
16. Perch for a Christmas partridge (2 wds.)
18. Finish
19. "_____ A Rebel"
20. Lets up
21. Some summer babies
23. Falklands feuder; abbr.
24. London street
26. Towel pronoun
27. Hair goop
30. _____ force
31. Neither's companion
32. Delilah portrayer
33. NBC rival
34. Use an ax
35. Flicka or Fury
36. Spanish hero
37. Skid row resident
38. Bounds along lightly
41. Gym pad
42. Wind dir.
45. Foray
47. '40s "New Look" designer
48. Yarn measure
49. Mystery maven Gardner
50. Thompson of Sense And Sensibility
51. Have
52. Poor grades
53. Misfortunes

DOWN

1. Billy of Titanic
2. Fe
3. Unnecessary
4. Berkeley or Tech lead-in
5. Pounds the keyboard
6. Farming tools
7. _____ Khan
8. Electricians
9. Jolts
10. Robert _____ of VA
11. Plumbing joints
17. Garment label
19. On a roll
22. Scaredy cat's shout
23. _____ Mail (John Ford film)
24. Govt. agcy.
25. Scientist's work rm.
26. "_____ sweet it is!"
27. Skydiver's cry
28. Random House staffers; abbr.
29. Drain cleaner ingredient
31. Sparks or Beatty
32. Sweetie pie
34. Expressed disapproval
35. Batter's desire
36. Apr. 15 figure
37. Diminishes
38. Grain garage
39. Realized
40. Author, Goncharov
41. Fur tunnelers, coos, and
43. Malamute's home, perhaps
44. Ages in history
46. Enrage
47. Dawn's moisture

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



BUTTER

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

ORANGE BUTTER

1 pound butter
1 orange, finely zested*
4 ounces frozen orange juice concentrate
Soften butter in mixing bowl. Blend in orange zest. Blend in orange juice concentrate.

* Other fruits may be substituted for oranges, such as mangos, raspberries, grapes and tangerines.

BASIL BUTTER

1 pound butter

1 bunch basil*

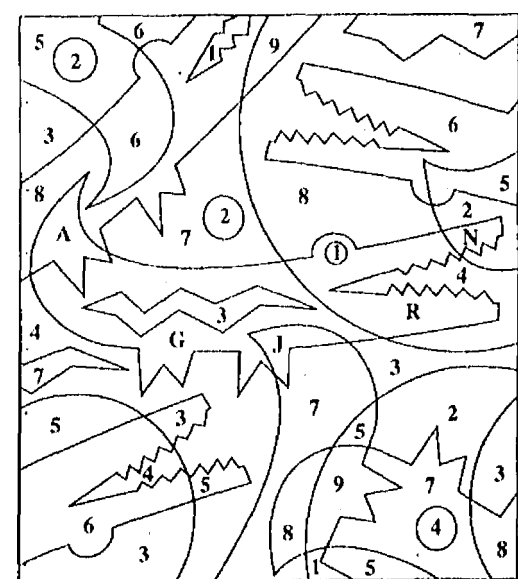
Salt and ground pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

3 tablespoons of lemon juice

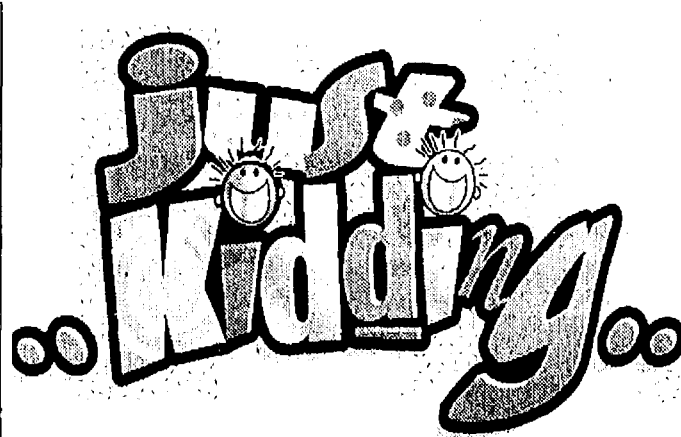
2 tablespoons calamata olives, finely chopped

Soften butter in mixing bowl. Mix in chopped basil. Blend in lemon juice, Parmesan cheese, olives and add salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature. *Other herbs such as thyme, cilantro and rosemary may be substituted for basil.

HIDDEN PICTURE



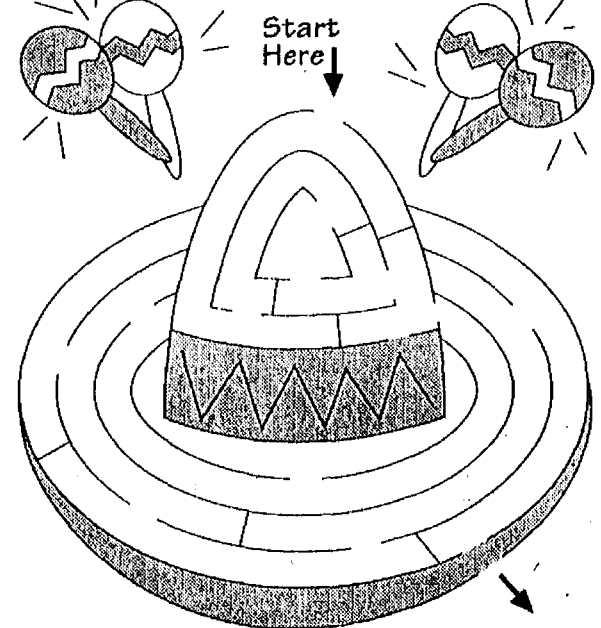
Color in each space that contains a letter.



DID YOU KNOW?

The opening to a cave where a bear hibernates is always on the north slope.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the Week of May 2, 2002



December 22-
January 19

An opportunity is waiting for you. Don't get caught off-guard by changes that are on the way. Home repairs and improvements are on the agenda.



March 21-
April 19

Career matters are headed for a successful conclusion. Take care of necessary tasks before starting on something new. Make the first move to fix a relationship.



June 22-
July 22

New information comes to light that may change your previous position. Past favors from a friend should be repaid. Make sure your points get made and be attentive to others.



September 23-
October 22

Now is the time to tame your in-basket. Focus on making the best of what you have. Your budget may require extra attention, but a small purchase could brighten things up.



January 20-
February 18

You're the center of attention--people look to you for new ideas and guidance. Step up and be an inspiration! Someone from your past wants to play a new role. Consider it carefully.



April 20-
May 20

Your actions can affect a wider circle. Know this and plan accordingly. A small sacrifice now will pay off later. Someone in authority is impressed by a recent accomplishment.



July 23-
August 22

Watch how you spend your time and your money! Look within for the answer to a problem. Take some time for yourself if necessary. Health problems require some attention.



October 23-
November 21

Be aware of what's going on around you. You'll get a positive response to a nagging question. Support will come when you least expect it! Get all the facts before making a major purchase.



February 19-
March 20

Don't be undone by a temporary setback. Past events come into focus. Someone is working behind the scenes on your behalf. Remember the simple pleasures of life.



May 21-
June 21

Study the situation and look before you leap. Work behind the scenes to get more accomplished. Money matters will be resolved. You'll come out ahead!



August 23-
September 22

Seek a balance between personal and professional responsibilities. Refuse to be drawn into a dispute but be available to listen. Don't put off exercise plans.



November 22-
December 21

Relationships are highlighted. Helping others helps you see situations as they are not how you want them to be. Get together with friends or family to clear your head, and have a pleasant time.

Adopt a Pet



Ricky is a 12 week old chow/collie mix. He is neutered and has all of his puppy vaccinations. We will be leaving for the Detroit Zoo on Friday, May 3. We have a lot of great pets for adoption and they are all spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and come with 2 months of free health insurance. If you are interested in adopting a new pet you might want to come take a look before we head south with them. Please call 348-4117 for more information on Ricky or any other animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

While shelter volunteers are away at the Detroit Zoo this weekend, volunteers are also needed to help with spring clean up at the shelter itself. If you would like to volunteer, please call 348-9178 or 348-4117. If possible, please bring a leaf rake, shovel and/or wheelbarrow. Donations of these items are also welcome. A low-cost pet vaccination clinic is scheduled for May 11. See the Classifieds under "Announcements" for more information. Sign up for Glen's Escript program; our number is 34024.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am
After hour appointments available.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Balm	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
4/24	56	26		High 58	High 53	High 56	High 61	High 66	High 63
4/25	68	31	.29	Low 30	Low 29	Low 29	Low 31	Low 37	Low 41
4/26	40	25		Mostly Cloudy	PM Showers	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
4/27	45	22	.57						
4/28	43	31							
4/29	36	30	.26						
4/30	42	33	.09						

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
 Display Advertising Rate - \$6.00 per column inch
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
 Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.20 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
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 Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE One bedroom in Roscommon village, \$27,000. (989) 578-3598. (-25-2/1)

HOME FOR SALE by owner: 87 feet Manistee River Frontage, 2,400 sq. ft. three bedroom, two bath, living room, family room, dining room, built-in in the kitchen, attached garage and detached garage. Much more: \$150,000. Call (989) 348-5911. (-2/1/)



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200' NORTH BRANCH FRONTAGE Two plus acres vacant. (989) 348-9388. (-18-25-2/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE on north I-75 Business Loop (N. Old 27) in Grayling Township. 200 ft. frontage. 40 x 90 building. 800 sq. ft. of warehouse/shop area. Single phase electric. Zoned commercial on Class A road. \$139,500. Hamrick Real Estate Co., P.C. Phone or fax (989) 348-5433. (4/11/02t/f/1)

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1. Real Estate

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MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99t/f/1)

VACANT WOODED LAND Land Contract Terms \$7,500. (989) 348-7355. (11/8/01t/f/1)

GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. (989) 275-5445 (9/27/01t/f/1)

2. For Rent

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM MOBILE close to town. Security deposit, references required. No pets. \$400 month. (989) 348-8386. (-2-9/2)

ONE BEDROOM ON AUSABLE \$400 per month plus utilities. No pets, references. Call (989) 731-4544. (-25-2/2)

2. For Rent

GRAYLING Now accepting applications for Arbor Court Apartments. All two bedroom. Rent based on 30% of adjusted income. For more information or application call Sande at 989-366-4475 or call Richards Management, Inc. toll free 1-888-576-6468, TDD# (800) 649-3777. Barrier free units available. Equal Housing Opportunity. (5/31/01t/f/2)

2. For Rent

BEDROOM FOR RENT Enjoy peaceful solitude and country living in this AuSable River home, surrounded by woods and wildlife. Super fly fishing 25 feet from the back door, \$300 month. All utilities are free including kitchen, Cable TV, telephone, laundry and more. (989) 348-2083. (-2/2)

2. For Rent

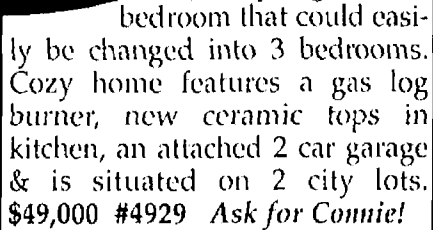
TIRED OF RENTING an apartment? Check out this brand new small two bedroom house in natural all sports area between Kalkaska and Grayling. \$475 a month. Call (231) 275-6887. (-2/2)

VACATION COTTAGE for rent, very nice and spotless at Lake Margrethe. Daily or weekly, non-smoking only. Call (989) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (4/25/02t/f/2)

1. Real Estate



Nice home in the City of Grayling is a two bedroom that could easily be changed into 3 bedrooms. Cozy home features a gas log burner, new ceramic tops in kitchen, an attached 2 car garage & is situated on 2 city lots. \$49,000 #4929 Ask for Connie!



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3. Employment

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110' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER MAIN-STREAM! Original log built in 1940, 1,665 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 baths, 16x20 stream side family room over looking river with brick fireplace, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Finished and heated garage, new roof. Most furnishings included canoe, lawn furniture, lawn equipment, aluminum fishing boat, B-B-Que, etc... Also 4/15 interest in adjoining 21 acres to insure privacy. CH-1538 \$189,900

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FULL LOG HOME IN BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP! A stunning new log home offering 2,160 sq. ft., oak & pine hardwood floors, island counter in kitchen, 14' cathedral ceilings in the Great Room, split floor plan and perfect for Log Home Lovers as residential or recreational. Adjoins state land, next to snowmobile trails. CS-1451 \$224,500

LAKE MARGRETHE CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE BEACH Beautiful Chalet offers 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths, sauna lined with cedar and adjoining shower. Family room has split stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling that soars to balcony loft. Galley kitchen offers pegged wood floors. CS-1447 \$169,500

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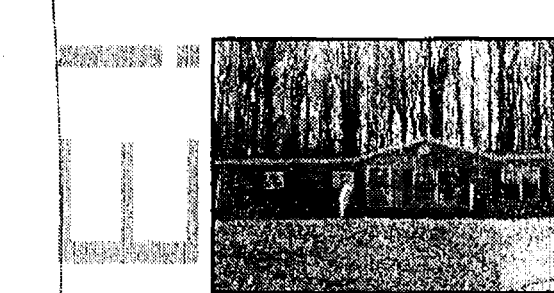
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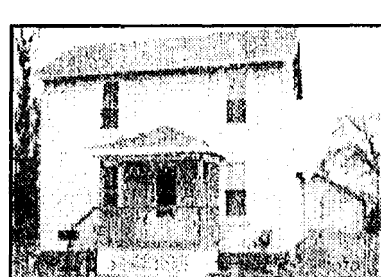
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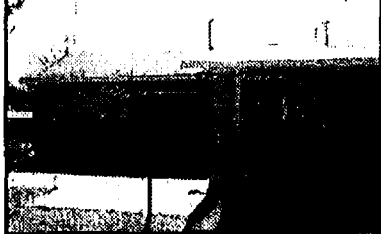
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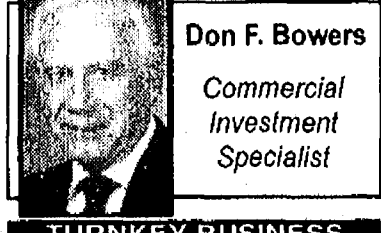
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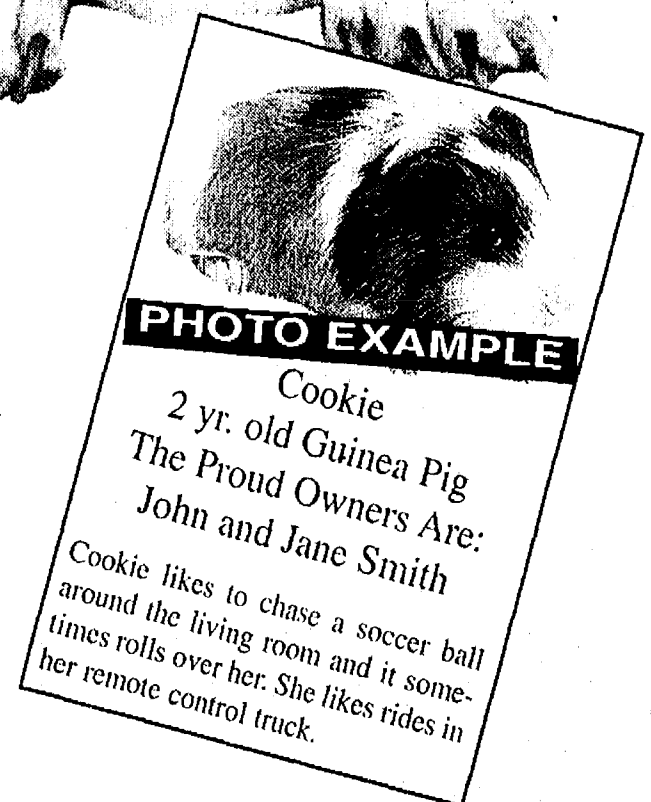


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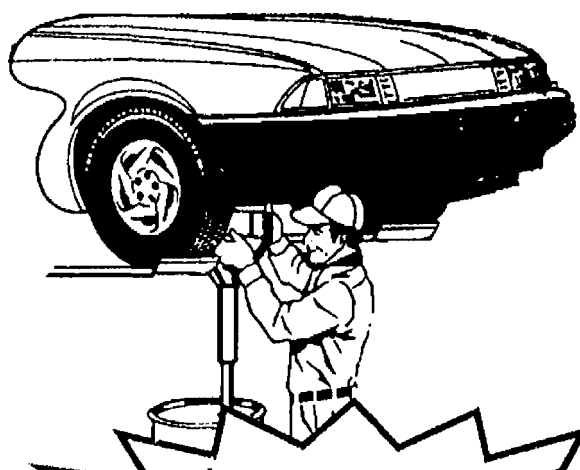
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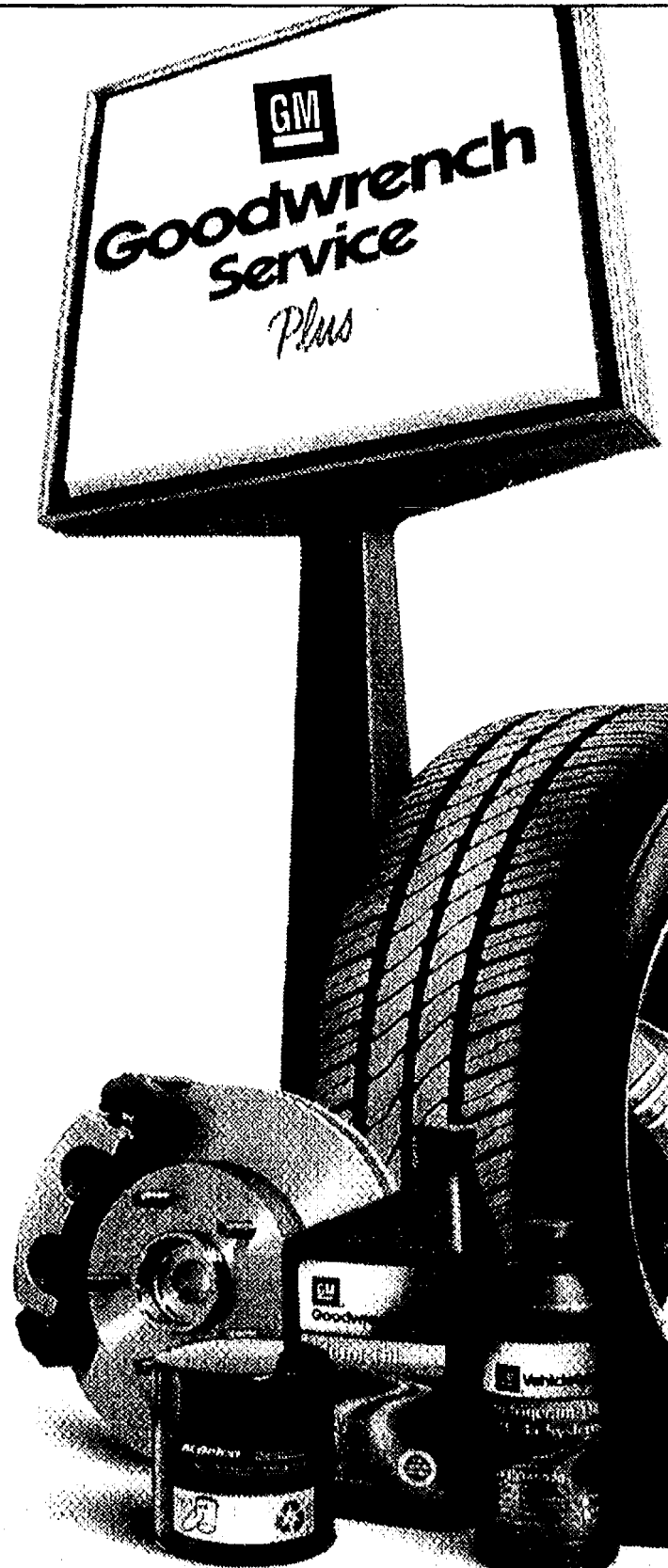
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KCC instructors honored by Who's Who

Kirtland Community College instructors James Backlund and Gerry LaFemina have the double distinction of being nominated by *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

English instructor Margaret (Maggie) Tatum also has been nominated for the latest edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Those selected by *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* have been identified as making a difference in the lives of former students. The only students invited to submit nominations are those who have distinguished themselves by being recognized for excellence in either *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*, the two most prestigious publications in the nation honoring the best and brightest high school and college students, respectively.

Who's Who in America biographies run the gamut from American history makers like former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani to titans of business and industry, like Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina.

An instructor of psychology and sociology at Kirtland since 1988, Backlund is making his first appearance in *Who's Who in America* and

his third appearance in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

The Upper Peninsula native also was honored by *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 1996 and 2000.

"That's because Jim Backlund has taken a subject like psychology, which is always a very interesting course for students, and made it even more fascinating," said Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of instruction and educational services. "He's just worked so hard on his teaching, and it shows."

A reviewer of textbooks in general psychology, abnormal psychology and human sexuality, Backlund has been an invited speaker the last three years at the Midwest Institute for the Teaching of Psychology. He was also asked to present at this year's conference of the American Psychological Association in Chicago. He's planning a sabbatical next fall to teach English at Beijing Union University in China.

LaFemina, a creative writing instructor, is widely recognized as one of America's finest. He is the author of several collections of poetry, and his work has won numerous awards.

"Gerry definitely deserves this recognition," Silverman said. "He is a great teacher and poet. In addition,

he's established creative writing opportunities for young students through his innovative summer program for young writers (Controlled Burn) and the development of an associate of fine arts degree program with a creative writing option -- the first of its kind in the country offered by a community college."

Tatum was honored recently when she won the Michigan Campus Compact Outstanding Faculty Award for her work on a service-learning project. Her English Composition students visited area nursing homes and wrote about the lives of people they interviewed there.

"One of the facets that Maggie has is her way of finding out what motivates students," Silverman said. "She understands it's different for different people. It's not easy to get people to write, but she not only has the ability to get people to write, but to enjoy writing."

Other Kirtland faculty honored in previous *Who's Who* publications include: speech and interpersonal communication instructor Nancy Pamerleau, speech and computer information systems instructor Clay Horton; and nursing instructors Jacquelyn Warren, Jacquelyn Smith, Wendy Hillman and Beth Mogle.

Local poet wins prestigious award

Kirtland creative writing instructor and poet, Mary Ann Samyn, has won the Emily Dickinson Award from the Poetry Society of America for her poem "The Beauty Zone."

The contest, which earned Samyn \$250, was judged by poet Alice Fulton, who teaches at the University of Michigan.

"It's a very big honor," Samyn said. "I'm really glad 'The Beauty Zone' won. It's one of those poems that I've always liked, but it's had a hard time getting published anywhere. Often, though, that sort of poem does end up finding a very nice

place for itself. The award, the money and especially the recognition are very pleasant surprises."

The Poetry Society of America (PSA) is a national literary organization that sponsors several annual contests as well as a series of workshops. The Dickinson Award is given "to the memory and poetry of Emily Dickinson... for a poem inspired by Dickinson, though not necessarily in her style."

The PSA's mission is "to place poetry at the crossroads of American Life," and does so through a series of readings, workshops and presenta-

tion of poetry on public transportation systems around the country through it's "Poetry in Motion" program.

Samyn has a similar mission, promoting poetry and creative writing at the annual Far Field Retreat for Writers -- a four-day program on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. For more information, visit www2.Oakland.edu/English/farfield/.

Mushroom hunt, sturgeon tours offered May 4-5

The 2nd Annual Celebrate Spring & Mushroom Hunt and Sturgeon Guided Tours will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5, sponsored by the Cheboygan Area Tourist Bureau.

The Morel Mushroom Hunt will take place on Saturday at 9 a.m. with departure from the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce office, 124 N. Main Street. Prizes will be awarded for finding both real mushrooms and special wooden mushrooms. Lunch is \$3 per person. Registration is \$15 per family and \$10 per individual adult and will be held Friday, May 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. or by calling (231) 627-7183 or 1-800-968-3302.

Two Black River Sturgeon Viewing Guided Tours will be offered on a first come, first served basis with the first 20 persons registered per tour. No registration fee is required. First tour is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call 1-888-603-2776 or visit www.sturgeonfortomorrow.org to register or for more information.

Environmental author to speak

Dave Dempsey, author of *Ruin & Recovery: Michigan's Rise as a Conservation Leader*, is coming to Gaylord on Friday, May 10, for a book signing and slide presentation on Michigan's environmental history. He will appear at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church, (1649 M-32 East) from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dempsey's program will feature stories about how northern Michigan's natural resources have been protected, and the role citizens play in preserving them for the future.

The 45-year old Dempsey has been active in Michigan environmental work since 1982 and is a lifelong resident of Michigan. He currently serves as Policy Advisor for the Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of over 50 environmental organizations with a combined total of more than 170,000 members.

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